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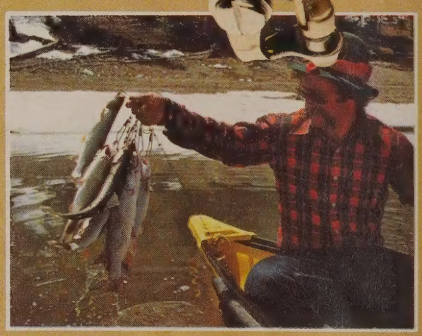

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PECONIC SANCTUARY

In recent months, there has been a great deal of newspaper coverage and discussions among Long Island residents concerning the possibility of establishing a sanctuary in Peconic Bay. Unfortunately, there has been a lot of confusion about the proposed sanctuary and many rumors have been flying high above the otherwise clean waters of Peconic Bay. We, at The Fisherman, have been looking into this matter for sometime now, and although the early phase of our involvement can be best described as "keeping your 'ear' to the grindstone," in recent weeks we have entered a second phase of activity. We have been in direct contact with the principals involved in this matter, have accrued tremendous quantities of notes, and are hopeful of clarifying issues, questions, and problems associated with the Peconic Bay sanctuary. The matter is a complex one and will require considerable space to provide as much of the data that we have uncovered for our readers. Considering the current state of confusion both in the media and the private sector, we felt that our attempt to clarify the issue at this time, might serve some useful purpose.

It may appear, at first glance, that the matter of the Peconic Bay sanctuary is one that will affect only the people and wildlife living near Peconic Bay. However, this is not the case since the future quality and productivity of our East End waters will potentially affect all of us who spend time in these waters for commercial or recreational purposes or who are, from time to time, consumers of East End finfish and shellfish. In addition, the question of long range conservation of good water quality in the marine district of New York is a matter of immense concern to all citizens of this Metropolitan Area.

Let's begin by trying to answer the question: what has happened relative to the establishment of a Peconic Estuarine Sanctuary? First, no final decision has been made, no plan has been accepted by all parties, and no sanctuary has been established. Now, if we go back a few years we can pick up the thread of events that has taken place. To begin with, under the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act (CZM) there is a section that allows for the establishment of ocean estuary marine sanctuaries. Under this provision a few small sanctuaries have already been established. These are in Koos Bay, Oregon, Florida, and the Great Lakes. The purpose is to preserve the long term productivity of estuaries that have high water quality and high productivity. Further, under this legislation, funds for the establishment of the sanctuaries is made available from the Federal government with matching funds from the states.

There is, of course, a great deal of bureaucracy involved with any process of this type since Federal, state, county, and town interests and laws are involved. Thus, the process of selecting and establishing the sanctuaries is an elaborate one that involves many steps, a great deal of paper work, and the acquisition of input from many groups, agencies, and individuals. Therefore, sanctuaries cannot be established overnight with one broad sweep of a brush or pen.

Initially, the State of New York did not see the sanctuary provision to be a matter of immediate concern or one needing fast action for several reasons, including the understanding that the cost to the State would be high. However, the Federal government then indicated that they believed a northeast sanctuary in our area was needed. Thus, the State of New York began the process of **review** of the possibility of establishing a sanctuary. The Department of State of New York, the lead agency in this regard, subcontracted this responsibility to the county level and thus, the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board, headed by Dr. Lee Koppelman, became involved. A steering committee was established to consider suggestions for possible sites for the sanctuary. Dr. Koppelman suggested the Flanders-Peconic area. However, two other sites were also suggested.

These were the Nissequogue River and the Hudson River. The steering committee ultimately settled on the Flanders-Peconic area for the following reasons. First, this area was unique in that it is comprised of a vast array of estuaries with small estuaries within larger estuaries. Thus, it was diverse and highly productive. Second, the state was proposing to acquire, under its wetlands acquisition program, the Little Northwest Creek area of the Peconic and the sanctuary would compliment this acquisition. Third, between the Tidal Wetlands Acquisition Program, existing town ordinances, and the county review process, it was felt that it would be possible for New York State to adequately communicate to the Federal government the significance of long term preservation of the Flanders-Peconic estuarine area.

The matter of the sale of Robins Island, however, confused the overall issue of the establishment of the sanctuary. Mr. Mackey, the owner of the Island had been attempting to sell the Island for between $3 and $5 million. The price was considered high by many interested parties. Then Jack Driscoll made an offer that came close at about $1.8 million, but was unable to secure the financial backing for the purchase and the deal fell through. Finally, a European Consortium consisting of Swiss, West Germans, and others offered $1.3 million and Mackey accepted the offer. The idea that Robins Island might be developed into housing tracts upset many who believe that the pristine nature of Robins Island and the general area should be preserved. At a public hearing in Riverhead, attorneys for the owners indicated that they would not release the property but did indicate a willingness to develop the property in such a manner that the environmental quality of the Island and surrounding waters would not be severely compromised. Of course, any development would cause some changes, however modest, in the environment; but the feeling was expressed that if these alterations were kept to a minimum perhaps the development of Robins Island would be acceptable.

Many proposals and counter-proposals have been entertained and it appears that low density zoning is a crucial element of the plans. According to Mr. Tony Taormina, Director of the Division of Marine and Coastal Resources for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the DEC would accept a plan that contained the following elements: first, that zoning be low density and a recent proposal for only twenty-eight lots (or 444-acres) has been put forth. Second, the central core of the Island should remain undeveloped so that it will continue to function as a watershed. Third, the north end of the Island—a rich wetland area—should remain undeveloped. Fourth, that there be a provision in the agreement that would preclude further subdivision of the plots at a later date. It is our understanding that the owners have agreed to comply with the first and second provisos and that they have offered to preserve the north and south end of the Island to the State of New York for preservation and guaranteed the State access to that property. The question of further subdivision is still under debate and consideration.

There is a provision in the CZM for the granting of funds for feasibility studies and given the conflicting opinions and information that has been circulating, it was felt that this feasibility study would serve as a rational review of the entire situation. Thus, at the present time the county and towns are in the final stages of rendering a decision on the feasibility study. If approved, there would be $50,000 dollars available to review the situation, gather input from concerned citizens, and develop the rules for establishment of the sanctuary. To this point, the Town of Southold and the Town of Southampton have passed resolutions in support of the feasibility study, while the Town of Shelter Island seems to be against even the feasibility study.

In addition to the Town of Shelter Island, other groups and individuals have stated their opposition. However, it is ironic that even most of those against the feasibility study have expressed a desire to see a comprehensive written plan that spells out all factors, processes, implications, alternatives, and ground rules. Of course, this is the purpose of the feasibility study and thus, it seems absurd to reject it out of hand.

The problem seems to be that many groups and individuals are "regulation shy." That is, they are fearful of local, state, and/or Federal rules and regulations; and in a general sense who can blame them. Government regulation can strangle us, but to conclude that all governmental regulation is bad is an obvious overstatement of the case. Without governmental regulation there would be chaos. In this case, if modest and meaningful government regulations can help us to preserve our marine habitats, then they should be supported. Perhaps those in objection have lost sight of a primary objective for all of us on Long Island; that is, the conservation of our marine habitats and their animal and plant populations.

This brings us to the second question. What is happening? In summary, there are those who object to the possibility of the sanctuary

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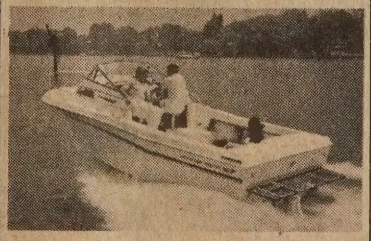

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and those who object to a feasibility study. There are also those who are in favor of both or, if not both, then certainly the feasibility study to provide a written document to help them to reach a decision on the matter of the sanctuary. In addition, a concept proposal exists regarding the sanctuary but details, which would be the next step in the developmental process, do not exist at this time. We spoke with Mr. Dewitt Davies, Principal Environmental Planner for the Nassau-Suffolk Regional Planning Board about the current phase of sanctuary development. He indicated to us that "there is a lot of misinformation being pushed about..." and, therefore, a feasibility study would be useful in elaborating details.

We, at The Fisherman, believe that the feasibility study is both a logical next step and a necessary step. We believe that those who are currently objecting to the concept of a sanctuary in the Flanders-Peconic area should welcome the feasibility study as a means of crystallizing available information and design proposals so that we can all be in a good position to intelligently arrive, in our own minds, at an appropriate opinion.

Actually, we cannot state in absolute terms what will take place in the future since the end results will be impacted by many individuals and the details of any final plan will reflect this elaborate impact. We cannot be certain that there will ever be a sanctuary in this area, although we at The Fisherman hope that there will be. We believe that the arguments in favor of the establishment of this sanctuary are compelling and since our investigations have revealed no evidence that the establishment of this sanctuary will significantly restrict the present activities of man in this area, there seems to be no compelling reason to oppose it.

The most urgent piece of business is the approval of the feasibility study because the document produced as a result of the study will contain all the questions and answers, the input from businesses and private citizens, and the data needed for rational persons to reach a proper conclusion about the establishment of the Peconic-Flanders sanctuary. We believe that persons undecided about backing the feasibility study should lean towards support because the area is a rich wetland region and the productive wetlands are so necessary to the overall productivity of our coastal oceans. Estuarine wetlands can produce up to two hundred and fifty pounds of organic foodstuffs per acre per year and thus these habitats are among the richest, if not the richest, habitats on earth. Unfortunately, we have destroyed about two-thirds of our estuarine wetlands in the United Stated in the last three hundred years. Clearly, without viable wetlands there will be no viable coastal ocean. Therefore, it is imperative that we all support all efforts to protect the wetlands that remain. The Peconic Bay area represents an estuarine complex that is rich in tidal wetlands and, therefore, in our opinion it is a crucial area for preservation strategies.

We indicated earlier that there were many rumors that have evolved and have clouded the issue. One of these rumors was that finfishing and shellfishing in the area, as well as perhaps recreational boating might be restricted, regulated, and/or eliminated from the sanctuary. First, there are already regulations regarding these activities. These rules come from the State of New York, the Coast Guard, Suffolk County, the Townships of Southampton, Riverhead, Southold, Shelter Island, and East Hampton, and others. We can only assume that it will be illegal to harvest shellfish from **polluted** waters if the area were a sanctuary **just as it is now!** But, according to Mr. Davies, there will be **no** zoning changes under the sanctuary and as always zoning changes will occur only when local governments change them. Further, although there will be a five hundred foot boundary established around the sanctuary, when and if it is created, this is **no different than the current county process!** That is, at present, there exists rules for developing wetlands adjacent to the estuary.

Furthermore, lands currently held by the state, towns, and the county will remain under the jurisdiction of those governing levels. According to Mr. Davies, "The idea of total government takeover of the area is nonsense."

We also spoke with Mr. Taormina of the DEC and he told us that he would not support the sanctuary concept if it would interfere with finfishing, shellfishing, and recreational activity. In addition, he said that he would withdraw support for the establishement of this sanctuary if any provision were attached to the plan calling for these restrictions. We believe that these responses indicate very clearly that the agencies and persons involved in the development of the Peconic Sanctuary are very aware of the concerns of many citizens about government interference.

Still another rumor that has been active is that occupied lands will be taken over under the sanctuary. This rumor is **untrue** since the sanctuary concept calls for the purchase of **un**occupied wetlands for the purpose of preserving water quality and long term productivity. The sanctuary will **not** force the closures of marinas and boat liveries. It will **not** remove

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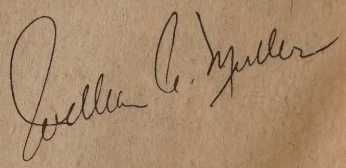
Another rumor states that the establishment of the Peconic sanctuary may bring advantages to the East End and its residents. It would appear that this rumor is **correct!** The CZM sanctuary section also has portions dealing with the encouragement of research and education activities. Under these provisions there may be more tourism since historically such areas tend to attract visitors who are anxious to learn about such areas and to see habitats that are being protected and preserved. The increase in tourists would, needless to say, benefit many facets of life on Long Island economically.

We, at The Fisherman, support the establishment of the Peconic Bay sanctuary under the conditions and limitations that have been explained to us by involved agencies and persons. We, such as Mr. Taormina and Mr. Dewitt Davies, would withdraw our support at the first hint of eminent domain acquisitions of occupied lands, the interference with recreation, and any other excessive Federal government interference. We believe that it is urgent that the feasibility study move ahead so that all pertinent information can be gathered and published in **one** document. We realize that there will be many levels of input from citizens and groups and that these opinions and data need be examined so that the final sanctuary plan can be as appropriate as possible. We believe that sanctuaries can preserve long term water quality and productivity and perhaps the quality of recreational fishing in our region as well. We urge all of you to support the Peconic Bay sanctuary as well.



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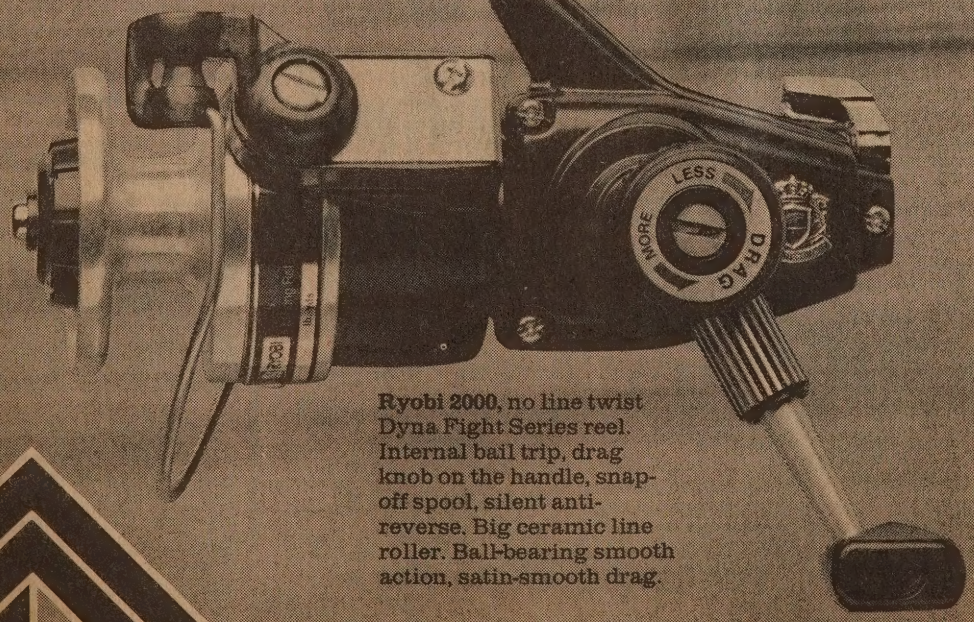

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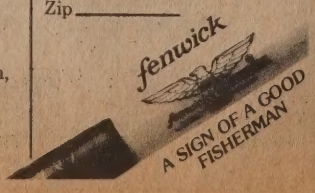

CLUB NEWS

"MONSTER MAN" MUNDUS AT BAY SHORE TUNA CLUB

Bay Shore Tuna Club presents "The Monster Man" Captain Frank Mundus, friday, April 18 at 7:30, at the Timber Point Country Club, Great River Road, Great River. Tickets are $10 per person and includes a full course dinner.

For info, call Captain Garry Kieffer, (516) 968-8969.

LORAN C PRESENTATION SQUAW ISL. FISHING CLUB

Inez Heine of Heine Marine Electronics, Islip, will give a slide presentation and talk on Loran C. Anyone interested is invited.

Surfside III (foot of Wellwood Avenue) Lindenhurst, New York, Monday, April 14, 1980, 8PM.

ATLANTIC ANGLERS

The Atlantic Anglers of Massapequa are in their annual recruitment drive for new members. They are seeking both novice and expert fishermen—no boat ownership is necessary, only a willingness to participate in both bay and offshore fishing. The Club meets at 8:30 p.m. every second and four th Tuesday of every month at the Northside Pub, North Main Street, Farmingdale, New York. New members welcome or call our membership Chairman, Bill Kutzler at 516-242-1618, for further information.

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Please direct all tournament related information to: Squaw Island Fishing Club, c/o Mr. Tom Moore, 15 Lee Avenue, Babylon, New York 11702.

FISHING BUGS

Louis Greco, charter member of the **Fishing Bugs of Brooklyn** and a fixture on the Sheepshead Bay fishing scene for over half a century, has taken Charon's ferry to the other shore. This "grand old man of the sea" will be remembered by his Club and fishing companions each time the cry of "fish on!" is shouted across a deck.

FLORAL ANGLERS FISHING CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

The Floral Anglers, established 21 years in Nassau area, is looking for approximately 10 avid fishermen for membership. Approximately ten reserved trips yearly and annual picnic at Eisenhower Park. Meetings the last Wednesday of every month in Floral Park area. Initiation fee $20; dues $3.00 per week. For additional information, call John Milia after 7PM. 516-741-3803. Call soon, openings may not last.

STRIPER SURF CLUB INC.

The Striper Surf Club, Inc. held its annual Awards Dinner and installation of officers on Saturday, March 22, 1980 at the Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square. Newly elected officers are: President: I. Friedman; 1st Vice. Pres.: B. Sicker; 2nd Vice Pres.: S. Siciliano; Treas.: T. Ieser; Recording Sec'y.: J. Vezo; Corresponding Sec'y.: L. Gobel, and Sgt.-at-Arms: J. Sarantonio.

Trophies were awarded as follows: Most striped bass in surf, Eastern Seaboard—Ira Friedman ; largest striped bass in surf, Eastern Seaboard—I. Friedman, 52.2.

Largest striped bass in surf, New York—Bob Sicker, 50.2.

Second most striped bass in surf, Eastern Seaboard—S. Siciliano.

Second largest striped bass in surf for New York is a tie: Joe Sapinza and Al Anuszewski, 41 lbs.

First striped bass of the season: S. Siciliano; and last striped bass of the season: M. McMillan

NORTH SHORE ANGLERS

The North Shore Anglers will hold their 41st Annual Award dinner dance on April 19 at Dino's Restaurant, Port Jefferson. The following awards are for first place fish only in each category.

Striped bass, boat: 52.8, G. Dennis
Striped bass, surf: 30.8, B. Ascher
Bluefish, boat: 21.8, D. Adams
Bluefish, surf: 16.12, D. Dalley
Weakfish, boat: 11.10, G. Dennis
Weakfish, surf: 10.8, D. Adams
Fluke: 11.2, S. Backel
Blackfish: 10.12, R. Contino
Flounder: 3.8, J. Thomas

Junior Division: porgy, 4.4, D. Adams, Jr.; Ladies Division: weakfish, 9.8, J. Abraham.

The North Shore Anglers hold their monthly meeting the second Thursday of every month at Dino's Restaurant, Port Jefferson. If you are interested in joining a knowledgeable fishing club, please join us at Dino's Restaurant or call Pete Salzmann, 981-0170.

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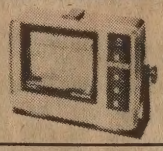

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Other guest speakers will be Dr. William Muller, Managing Editor of The Long Island Fisherman, and Fred Schwab, Chairman of the New York Citizen's Advisory Committee for the State/Federal Striped Bass Sub-Board. "Doc" Muller will discuss the important role played by the Hudson River as a striped bass spawning and nursery area. Fred Schwab will report on interim coastal management plans currently under consideration by the State/Federal group.

The program will also include a slide presentation on North Carolina's huge commercial slaughter of "cow" bass, and a repeat of Long Island's largest and most popular fishing tackle raffle. The public is invited and admission is free.

Discussion at the meeting will include protective striped bass legislation, which has been introduced in both houses of the New York State Legislature. Striper anglers are being encouraged to organize in order to attain passage of either the bill to increase the minimum size to 24", or the bill to make the striped bass a game fish. They can join SOS by sending a membership donation to: SOS, Box 116, Massapequa Park, N.Y. 11762, or by calling 516-541-8676 for information. Individual membership is $10, and club membership, $25.

SPORTFISHING COUNCIL MEETING ON LICENSE

The New York Sportfishing Council will sponsor a public meeting on Thursday, April 24, to hear sport fishermen's attitudes toward a saltwater fishing license. Based on their findings the Board of Directors of the Council will pursue the issue with state and local legislators. All sport fishermen are invited to give their views on the saltwater license.

The meeting will be held April 24 at 8PM in the West Hills school on Weston Street in South Huntington. Weston Street is opposite the Walt Whitman shopping center on Rt. 110 in South Huntington.

BIANCHI WINS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL FOR $550,000 TO COMBAT LONG ISLAND WATER POLLUTION

A critically important state program, designed to safeguard Long Island drinking water, has received the support of both houses of the state legislature, according to Assemblyman I. William Bianchi, Jr. (D-Bellport).

Assemblyman Bianchi reported this week that the program, which will provide more than $500,000 to investigate contamination of Long Island's underground water supply, will be part of a comprehensive effort by the state to ensure clean and safe drinking water for the

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"There can be no greater priority for the 80s than forceful and effective action now to protect our water supply," Assemblyman Bianchi commented, pointing out that many homeowners on Eastern Long Island and in Islip and Brookhaven Towns have already had their private wells rendered unusable due to the presence of toxic substances.

Last year, largely through the urging of Assemblyman Bianchi, an initial appropriation of $400,000 was approved in the state supplemental budget. These funds were designed for use by the State Health Department in establishing a staff unit at Stony Brook University. The unit will undertake a study of groundwater problems, including the testing of residential wells, and the planning of management programs.

This year, Governor Hugh Carey recommended an increase in monies for Long Island water programs. The agreement reached by the State Senate and Assembly last week ensure that funding will be provided at this increased level.

"I am extremly pleased with the cooperation we've had from both houses of the legislature, including representatives of both political parties," Assemblyman Bianchi emphasized. "The $550,000 appropriation for the fiscal year beginning April 1 will allow for Public Health officials to identify and prepare an inventory of contaminants present in the underground water supply; determine the movement of such contaminants; identify areas likely to be adversely impacted by such movement; and compile recommendations and programs to prevent future contamination and to properly manage our vital groundwater resource," Bianchi added.

In requesting the assistance of Assemblyman Bianchi in restoring funds for the groundwater program, Dr. David Harris, the Suffolk County Health Commissioner, said the monies, "will help bridge one of the most serious gaps in Long Island Ground Water Protection."

On a related matter, Assemblyman Bianchi said he would continue to press for legislative approval of a bill he is sponsoring to regulate the use of dangerous or toxic chemical materials as a sewage system cleaning agents. Such materials have been found at unsafe levels in private drinking wells on Long Island.

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TROUBLE WITH GATEWAY NAT'L. PARK

Two months ago, the Surf Breakers Fishing Club of Staten Island, with the backing of the Staten Island Federation of Sportsmen met with Joe Meyers, a representative of Gateway Nat'l Park Service. The subject of the meeting was fishing privileges for their newly acquired Fort Wadsworth property.

They requested a written proposal along with a map describing the areas to be fished. Gateway said we would receive an answer by April 1, 1980 and none was forthcoming.

Staten Islanders have lost much to these bureaucrats in terms of fishing privileges already, and losing the Fort would add insult to injury. Please publish this letter along with the attached proposal so all Staten Island residents interested in fishing may get involved. Thank you for your attention. **Charles N. Taverna, President.**

PROPOSAL: Fishing Privileges for Fort Wadsworth

FROM: Charles N. Taverna, President, Surf Breakers Fishing Club

Representing: S.I. Federation of Fishermen, membership 3,500

1. The area from the North Fence bordering Cliff St. to 300' south of the main jetty, to be fished 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week.

2. During daylight hours from 8AM until 7PM, if the sand beach area is to be used for bathing, fishing would be prohibited. This area extending from 300' south of the stone jetty to the south wall boarding the city beach.

3. If the beach is not to be used for bathing, the Federation feels total 24 hr. use of the entire waterfront area would not infringe with the rights of others, unless of course special Park sponsored events.

Park Requirements: Porta-Jon; trash barrels; signs designating—fishing rules, boundaries and parking.

It is understood by the Federation that any fishing on this property should include a Fishing/Parking Permit.

If you have any further questions pertaining to this matter, please contact:

Charles N. Taverna, President
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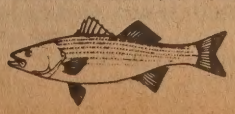

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I have been considering switching to radial tires for my beach buggy, but am a little confused about whether radials are good for driving on the beach. Have you had any experience with radials, either good or bad, that might help me decide?
John Hankens

Radial tires are getting more popular as tires for beach buggies. Like any tire, radials have both good points and bad; but in my opinion, the good far outweighs the bad. On the minus side, is the fact that radials are available in fewer sizes and tread patterns than conventional tires, yet there are still plenty of brands and tire sizes to choose from. The walls of the radials are only 2-ply which makes them susceptible to puncture from the sides, yet few beach riders ever experience any problems. Radials are also expensive.

On the plus side, radials give generally better mileage and less fuel consumption than standard tires, which can mount up to a considerable savings if you do a lot of driving. Radials will usually last longer than standard tires. When I ran radials on my Chevy Suburban, I did not have to lower the tire pressure for beach driving except under very soft sand conditions. I used the tires at Island Beach, Brigantine and Hatteras with no problems. Many members of the Delaware Mobile Surf Fishermen and Assateague Mobile Surf Anglers also run radials with very good results.

Fiber belted radials are supposed to be better than steel belted, yet I ran steel belted tires with no problems for a total of 50,000 miles. The very flexible side walls of radials allows them to "float" over the sand better than conventional tires, and usually the radials will perform better on the street.

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The bow railing, console railing and stern rails on my Mako 22 are cracked, corroded, and falling apart. I don't want to replace the rails with more aluminum which will probably not last anyhow. I read about stainless steel rails on the Hydra-Sports boats and wonder if stainless railings are sold anywhere for my Mako. *Richard Stern.*

There are several marine supply firms that make stainless steel railings and any marina or boat dealer should be able to get the information you need from his suppliers' catalogs and parts list. Probably the best quality stainless parts come from SeaBrite Stainless located in New Jersey and also in Florida. SeaBrite supplies many of the national manufacturers with their stainless fittings. You can write to them for a catalog and price list at 63 State Highway 35, Neptune City, New Jersey.

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What is the best way to mark wire line so you can tell how much line is in the water. When figuring depth do you count the line that is actually in the water or do you figure the distance from the rod tip? R. Linton

There are several ways to mark wire lines. The easiest is to cut 3M plastic tape into ten inch strips, then slice the strips lengthwise into narrow one-quarter inch strips. Wrap the tape around the wire line at the appropriate distances of 100', 150', etc. Be sure to wrap the tape so the mark is about four inches long and the tape is wrapped back over itself. Too short a wrap and the tape will slide up and down the wire.

A better way is to stretch a rubber band alongside the wire and wrap around the rubber and the wire with dental floss, fly tying thread or rod wrapping thread. Make the mark at least an inch long and tie off with half hitches. When you release the tension on the rubber band, the expansion of the rubber will keep the mark from ever moving. Trim the ends of the thread and the rubber band, dab with some paint and you have a durable mark.

Some fishermen favor a third method which ties barrel swivels into the line every 50'. Use a Haywire twist to connect the wire to the loop at each end of the swivel. One advantage of this method, and a reason why many charter skippers use it, is if you lose any line you can cut back to the next swivel and simply add another 50' length of wire. You don't lose the entire shot of wire. You can quickly get back into fishing if you carry pre-measured lengths of wire with swivels already attached and ready to be added to a broken line. In place of swivels some skippers use a short length of bead chain. You calculate the depth of the lure by the actual amount of wire in the water, not at the rod tip. The general rule of thumb is five to seven feet of depth for every fifty feet of wire in the water. The actual depth depends on the weight, action, and bouyancy of the lure. A deep diving Danny will naturally run at a greater depth than a single, unweighted tube.

I have a Penn 710 which is equipped from the manufacturer with a tungsten carbide roller line guide. The problem I have is that the line guide never rolls when line is being pulled from the drag. It will roll when I move the guide with my fingers. How can I make this roller function as it is supposed to?
Bob Rossi

There is an easy solution to your unrolling roller. Simply replace it with one of the hard-chromed line guides from another Penn reel. I've replaced the carbide rollers for exactly the same reason you mention in your letter, and I've had better performance since then. The chrome roller from the Penn 712 and 720 models of Penn spinning reels will also fit the 710.

It is important to keep the inside surfaces of the roller clean. Removing the roller from the bail wire and line guide mount allows easy cleaning with just a spray of light oil. A pipe cleaner or small piece of cloth can wipe the inside surfaces clean. A small amount of oil will keep the roller working well for quite some time, but it will require re-oiling from time to time. I oil my reels each time I return from fishing and have little problems with a sticking line guide.

Many manufacturers sell reels with carbide line guides. While it is true that the carbide [same as carboloy, a trade name] will rarely ever wear out, when used in salt water the carbide builds a green scale that can ruin your fishing line. It is very important to keep the line guide as clean as possible. Hard chrome rollers usually roll better and even if they do stick once in awhile, they present a smoother surface against which the line will travel. A hard chromed guide that continues to stick can wear out quickly, even in less than one fishing season. Keep an eye on it to be sure it rolls, and if it does get sticky, clean it promptly.

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I have an old Shakespeare spinning reel #2082 which has a loose fitting main drive shaft, possibly due to a worn bearing. Where can I get a replacement bearing or how can I shim it up to take out the slack.
John J. Newman

It is not possible to shim up the rotating head to adjust for the excess play in the shaft. Parts are

readily available from several places. Try Coles Reel Repair, 1540 Front St., Scotch Plains, N.J., or directly to the main service center in Fayetteville, Arkansas at Hwy. 71 South, Attention: Service and Repair Parts.

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I recently purchased a spool of Trilene line that was brittle and had no knot strength. The packaging appears old and I honestly bought it at a flea market sale at a nearby charity drive. Is there anything I can do to make the line stronger? I read that monofilament lines have plastic chemicals in them that slowly evaporate. Can I get these chemicals? *Shawn Flanagan.*

No, it is not possible to replace the chemicals lost due to time and slow breakdown of the line. Fluorescent lights, sunshine and excessive dry storage can slowly ruin any monofilament line. Since the spool is probably a very old spool of line, I'd suggest you file it in the circular file and heave it out with the next trash pick-up. It pays to buy fresh, current supplies of line to avoid the problems you have encountered.

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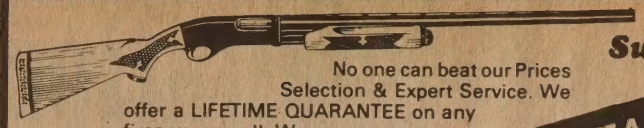
I've come up against a strange problem with rod building that I hope you can help me with. I built three rods last year, two of which broke after only using the rods a few times. The third is still going strong. The broken rods both broke at the tip or near the tip. I used a saw to cut the blanks as shown in a rod building book. A friend says it may be that I wrapped the rods too tightly with the threads; but if that is correct, why hasn't the third rod also broken? Can you help? *Justin Defreize*

It doesn't sound like the threads are too tightly wrapped. Although it is possible to crush a rod blank by wrapping too tightly, this can only occur if you go to an extreme to stretch the wraps to the limit and apply tremendous amounts of tension. It is safe to say that this problem almost never occurs.

It may be that cutting the tips caused the blanks to be weakened. I don't know of any book that advocates sawing the tip to cut it to a custom length. Rod crafters use a file to cut a small groove in the blank in a circumference cut all around the blank. The part being removed is snapped off. A very fine jeweler's saw can be used if you are extremely careful.

The saw, say a hacksaw blade, tends to tear the fiberglass fibers. It may not be apparent on the outside of the blank, but on the inner wall you may have torn the glass causing a weak spot to occur. Perhaps a tight, or very snug wrap which would not usually cause a problem, added to the weakened condition of the blank wall at the tip and caused the failure.



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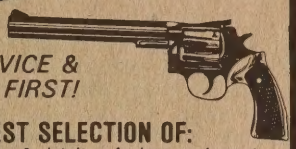

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Marine Sanitation Devices

by Claire Glas

How does a writer approach a subject that is the bane of every boat owner's existence? A problem that causes much moaning, groaning and tearing of hair—but one that has been so taboo that nobody dares write about it?

"With great difficulty," is the expected answer, to be sure. However, in this instance there's one more requirement, and that is to be the correct gender to tackle the topic. This article is for women anglers, written by a woman. It has to do with the unequal contest between marine toilets and sanitary napkins and/or tampons.

Up until January 30th of this year, things were bad enough in regard to thoughtless disposal of the above-mentioned items aboard a vessel. Before that date, most vessels had "flow-through" systems; that is, a method whereby the toilet discharge was piped directly overboard with no intermediate treatment steps along the way. However, "flow-through" was a misnomer even then, for not only did pads and tampons NOT go through, but they jammed and caused problems for those who had to try to undo the damage.

One can't call "roto-rooter" out on the briny, and even if you could, the marine setup does not often lend itself to standard shore-side means of correction. Virtually every boat operator can cite endless examples of some of the extreme measures required to restore a facility to working order.

In another instance, the discharge was above the waterline, but it was still under the boat inasmuch as it was between the two hulls.

If you think it was a mess before this January, it has the makings of a non-stop horror story from now on, because a new law has gone into effect. Vessels must be equipped with Marine Sanitary Devices (MSDs), or holding tanks, in order to satisfy the EPA and Coast Guard. An MSD is an on-board treatment plant which is supposed to decontaminate sewage before it is pumped overboard. A holding tank is what its name implies—a tank which holds sewage for subsequent disposal.

In either case, the extra piping and what-not that connects the head to the required system represents the epitome of the non-flow-through situation. If not treated with the utmost of respect, it is virtually guaranteed to clog. Yea, verily, it represents the triumph of the bureaucratic brain!

What to do about it? Being the wife of and the secretary to the Director of the National Party Boat Owners Alliance, I have been "privileged" to hear all the problems and complaints about this and other subjects for many, many years. One thing I discovered is that while men will rave and rant about this problem, they'll clam right up when it comes to saying anything about it in front of a woman.

Realizing that they had to do something more than curse at the situation, I suggested that it was high time they made some sort of effort to make women aware of the problem. Why not have a poster drawn up in the manner of an international traffic sign with a diagonal line going through it to indicate you shouldn't do something? In this instance, it would indicate you shouldn't throw those things into a marine toilet.

I even promised that if they went forward with the project I would grit my teeth and write an article on this most distasteful subject, for if a woman wrote it she couldn't be accused of having a "male chauvinist" attitude. Well, we've each kept our part of the bargain. The "writable" has been written, and National Party Boat is having a sign designed by an illustrator well known to Fisherman readers. Copies will be printed and then distributed to members for display in the ladies' heads.

Here's hoping that women passengers will not only read the sign but abide by its request to put any pad, tampon or applicator into the disposal receptacle provided for that purpose. It will not only make life a lot more pleasant for the people who work on boats, but will also ensure that heads will be in working order each time lady passengers wish to use them.

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BLUEFIN TUNA REGULATIONS

The impact of the proposed regulations on anglers (in a direct sense) will be minimal. Both the northern and southern quotas will remain the same, but the flood of almost useless paperwork will be eased by eliminating most reporting requirements. Since virtually every giant tuna caught today is sold, the logical means of determining how many are being caught is by requiring detailed records of the dealers—rather than by the fishermen. If these regulations are adopted, it will be the dealer who is required to place a tag in the fish—and the fisherman will no longer have to carry tags or reporting forms. Licenses already issued will remain in force.

All of this will eliminate the needless administrative burden and the excessive costs involved in mailing metal identification tags and log books to 5,300 permitted vessel owners. The worst part of the old system was the fact that most of the materials sent out were never used. The vast majority of those applying for licenses never catch a giant tuna, but must have a license just in case they do—or should an unexpected run develop in their area. For years, I've been advising anglers to get this license just in case they should need it, and some boat owners who missed out on the fall fishing in the Mud Hole learned that lesson the hard way. If these regulations are adopted, you can get your free license and have no other worries except to countersign the dealer's reporting card should you sell a giant tuna. In the unlikely event that you land a giant tuna for personal consumption, you would be required to contact the nearest NMFS law enforcement office to obtain a metal identification tag.

Another factor that may be of considerable importance to rod and reel fishermen this season is the possible opportunity to catch more than one giant per day. NMFS proposes to establish a variable catch rate system under which the Regional Director will review the catch of giant tuna twice a year. On August 7, if thirty percent of the hand-gear quota has been taken there will be no change from the one per day rule. However, if the catch rate is between seventeen and twenty-nine percent, a notice will be published in the Federal Register increasing the allowable catch to two giants per boat per day. If the catch rate is less than seventeen percent at that time, the daily quota will be three.

A second review will occur on September 7 under this system. At that point, if 85% of the quota is taken, the one tuna regulation will be in effect for the balance of the season. If the catch is between 70% and 84% of the quota, the daily limit will go to two. If it's between 60% and 69%, then the three fish limit will prevail. Should the catch be under 60% of the quota, a four fish limit will go into effect.

This very basic change was brought about by the fact that hand-gear (rod and reel, harpoons and handlines) accounted for less than two-thirds of the expanded quota provided last year. According to the preliminary catch totals there were 1,883 giants taken on hand-gear last year as compared with 2,321 the year before. Considering the fact that there is increasing pressure every year as the price increases, the hand-gear results last year were a pretty good indication that the giant tuna population is continuing to slump. However, all this could change this year as the strong 1973 year class enters the giant tuna fishery in significant numbers. Despite the decrease in giant tuna last year, NMFS feels that the quotas could have been filled if the one per day limit hadn't been in effect. The new system will amost ensure filling of the quota unless there's a real resource disaster.

Just how this will affect area anglers is hard to say. For instance, those looking forward to another big run at the Mud Hole in the fall are probably counting their profits already. Indeed, if the season is poor and that run does develop there will be plenty of opportunity to cash in with a four per day limit on giants. On the other hand, should a big run of small giants develop off Block Island in August, there may not be any quota at all left by October! The same thing applies in Massachusetts. The pros are probably hoping that the summer fishing is poor, leaving them with big quotas after Labor Day, when the crowds won't be so bad.

Unfortunately, the purse seine problem has not been adequately addressed in the new regulations. The plan proposed by NMFS biologist Bruce Freeman last year (and enthusiastically received at the preliminary hearings) would have eliminated purse seining of school tuna and compensated the seiners for their loss by giving them a larger quota of much more valuable giant tuna. This plan was not only fair to all parties, but it made biological sense. Because even the present reduced level of purse seining is too great, the tuna program has not succeeded in building up any of the year classes since 1973. Between sixty and eighty percent of the school tuna catch since 1974 has been on that 1974 year class, and few age 0 and 1 fish were caught last year. The total recreational school tuna catch was up slightly last year at 7,825 fish, a mere shadow of what it used to be—and less than one-fifth of the numbers and one-tenth of the weight taken by the seiners in just a few days! After the seiners have done a job on the schools as they are coming up the coast in June, there isn't much left for the sportsmen to work on.

Not only was Freeman's plan to build up the fishery shot down in Washington, but the bureaucrats played around so long that the seiners were able to fish without regulation. By the time new regulations limiting them to 650 tons were put into force, they had already taken well over 1,000 tons! We'll probably never know whether this was just a matter of the typical ineptitude of NMFS at work or something far more sinister. The one thing that's certain is that the seiners made some windfall profits at the expense of yet another year class of tuna.

The latest purse seine plan provides for no reduction (as was contemplated last year) from the 650 tons. The major change involves the assignment of quotas to individual vessels based on their historic catches. The "Pacific Queen" was changed from a 200 ton to 650 ton vessel and could conceivably catch the entire quota all by itself in a day. This system will be fairer to the four boats that have been purse seining, will cut down on some waste of fish, and make enforcement of the quotas easier. Scientific observers will be assigned (at taxpayer expense) to each of these vessels and will do all the recordkeeping. There is also an additional 225 ton scientific quota that vessel owners can apply for. That seining will be done in mid-summer in order to ensure that tagged fish won't be quickly recaptured by other seiners, as has been the case with spring tagging.

While this new, complicated system should eliminate the cheating that's been going on for years, it doesn't begin to address the basic problem of the program's failure to build up the stocks of school tuna and restore that fishery to its former glories. Furthermore, the "Pacific Queen" will apparently receive a substantial quota this year despite at least two instances of lawbreaking last year. The purse seine fishery for school tuna should be eliminated and those boats that have cooperated in the past compensated with a quota of giants that will maintain their earnings. It's about time that this program stopped maintaining the status quo

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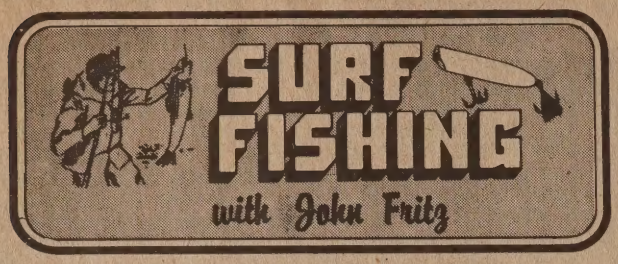

KEEPING WARM

For a large percentage of people who fish the water's edge, the season normally begins somewhere around Memorial Day to end shortly after the Labor Day weekend, comprising what is generally considered to be the summer season. While it is true that certain species of fish are present in our waters in varying quantities at this time, better fishing and greater access to restricted beaches can be had when the fishing season is extended beyond this period. This is especially true nowadays with bluefish lingering till the close of November and excellent bass fishing taking place well into the month of December. There are innumerable advantages to extending the fishing season even beyond what is considered by most striper fishermen to be "The Season"—roughly from the first of May to mid-November. Cod, pollack, whiting, flounder, bass and often bluefish can all be taken in what is presumed to be the dead months, a time to make rods or repair equipment for the following year.

The initial reaction of many to a suggestion that they should be on the beach fishing with the thermometer indicating near freezing temperatures is, "Forget it." Of course, there are occasions when it is foolish to be on the beach, say with a wind chill factor so low that frostbite is a real possibility; but let us consider those times when a little preparation coupled with a bit of common sense will allow a surfman sufficient comfort to pursue his sport.

Probably the title of this article may be somewhat deceiving for in cold weather a surfcaster may be comfortable but he will rarely be warm. While some fishing trips can become a matter of endurance, the purpose of this writing is to help the inexperienced gain a small measure of insight so that he will be better prepared to cope with unpleasant weather conditions. As you have heard countless times before, the more time spent on the beach, the better chance one has to catch fish. Therefore, the more comfort one enjoys the longer he will be able to withstand hardship and discouragement.

The uninformed might say, "What's the big deal, the colder it gets, the more clothes one puts on." This is true in a sense but there is a point where movement will be severely restricted without gaining the added comfort. For instance, a goose down parka will keep an Arctic explorer comfortable but try putting a waterproof top over such a coat and one can readily see that this is not practical. On the other hand, a down vest will maintain body heat and at the same time permit freedom of arm movement. This is a critical point, for clothing that binds the arms or chafes the armpits is a significant hindrance to a surfman who will make fifty or more casts in a few hours.

Before we get into specific clothing, there are a few general principles to be followed. First of all, the head should be covered because the greatest percentage of heat loss is conducted through the head. Often while the body can be maintained at a comfortable temperature, severe discomfort or even pain can be experienced if the hands and feet are not properly protected from the cold. Wind and water are detrimental to a person's well being, therefore, one must stay dry—a tricky task when surf fishing, while preventing the wind from entering the inner layers of clothing and robbing critical body heat. Not all moisture enters from outside the protective clothing; garments soaked in sweat lose most of their insulating value. Once the body has cooled, the clothing nearest the skin remains wet and the chill sets in rather quickly. If a long walk must be undertaken to reach the desired fishing area a slow steady pace to prevent overheating is advised. If time and tide permit, routine plugging as you walk will reduce the tendency to hurry to get the line in the water. When time is critical, it is a good idea to leave off certain articles of clothing, such as the hat, the waterproof top or possibly one layer of clothes. These can be carried slung over the plug bag or tied by the sleeves around the neck or waist, to be donned later on when discomfort begins to be felt.

Garments made of wool or down are probably the two best in insulating value. Whereas down, when it becomes wet, loses just about all of it's insulating value; wool does retain some worth.

Contrary to accepted belief, alcoholic beverages do not induce body warmth, rather the opposite is true. Probably if a sufficient amount is consumed, little discomfort is felt, but the inherent danger of fishing in a dangerous surf with potentially hazardous equipment in frigid weather while intoxicated is obvious.

Heavy smoking, like alcohol consumption, tends to reduce the amount of blood flowing to the extremities. While I am not aware if this is of sufficient value in the course of one evening, nonsmokers have an advantage when it comes to staying warm.

The amount and type of clothing a surfman will wear is dependent on many factors which can be determined before the excursion begins. Less clothing can be worn if the angler will be in constant motion, such as an angler walking and plugging a stretch of beach. More clothing should be worn if the angler intends to plug from one particular spot. If bottom fishing, where long periods of inactivity are likely, the greatest amount of clothing should be worn.

There are other thoughts the angler can ponder before the trip is begun. Will he be standing in the water to his waist or will he be on dry land? Will he be fishing in the evening when temperatures tend to drop as the night progresses or is he starting out at dawn when the rising sun will quickly send its rays to overheat an angler dressed for the fleeting temperatures encountered before sunrise? If an angler intends to wade, is it early spring when the water retains its winter chill or in the fall when the water is often warmer than the surrounding air? Wind chill is an important factor; is the breeze expected to intensify or diminish?

What I'm trying to point out is do not be fooled by the weather conditions prevailing at home. Be aware of what can be expected when fishing from an open beach away from the protection afforded by surrounding trees or buildings. Bring extra, one can always remove clothing if it's too warm, but added clothing if not available, cannot be put on.

A wool, knit hat, similar to the Navy watch cap, is ideal protection for the head. This hat can simply be stuffed inside the shirt if not needed or pulled tightly over the ears when there is a bite to the wind. Extra snaps or tags can be easily clipped into the loose knit, readily available when required.

A nagging wind striking the back of the neck can be foiled by wearing a hooded jacket. These thermal type soft jackets are carried by most stores that offer outdoor clothing. While most surfmen wear the waterproof pullover parka on which the hood is standard, the soft cloth of an inner hood offers more protection.

This waterproof top has one other important use aside from preventing most moisture from entering the inner layers of clothing and that is its windproof qualitites. In fact, many wet-suiters often wear this top over the wet suit when they are not totally immersed in the water. One of the chief contributors to being chilled is when the winds enters the insulated layers of clothing to carry away the trapped body heat.

Another contributing factor in maintaining comfort is to prevent water from entering the outer waterproof

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FISH TALK
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FLOUNDER FACTS, MYTHS & LEGENDS

the contest will run for the rest of the year with one rod given away per month and that all letters received during the contest period will be considered for the prizes.

THE MIGHTY FLOUNDER! Now, it may seem odd to refer to one of the smaller members of the flatfish clan as MIGHTY, but the flounder makes up for its small size in the importance the species has had in man's history and economic life. The blackback, or winter, flounder (Pseudopleuromectes americanus) is not believed to get much larger than about five pounds, it has no impressive teeth like its left-eyed cousin the fluke, does not usually chase baitfish, and thus is not a mighty predator. Yet, the flounder is to many people the universal symbol of the fish and it is the fish that most people think of first when buying fish. Flounders, sand dab, soles, plaice and many other names are used in different places by people in reference to flatfish. Although these are all different species, many of the most abundant and marketable species are on the small size. Few approach the size potential of the fluke (summer flounder) which is believed to be around thirty pounds, and none compete in size with the great halibut which is known to exceed 700 lbs.! Mighty? Yes! Flounder appears in a fable of the Grimm Brothers in which a fisherman catches a talking flounder that grants the fisherman wishes if only the fisherman will let the flounder go. The flounder is released and the fisherman gets his wishes, but the fisherman's wife wants more, and more, and more. Eventually, the excessive demands of the fisherman's wife anger the flounder who decides to undo the favors and return the fisherman and his wife to the level of existence they had prior to the encounter with the flounder. Why did the author of the fable use a flounder? Some have suggested that the flounder seems serene, wise, and intelligent. Its behavior is deliberate as compared to other fish which may dart around in a helter-skelter fashion, and this deliberate behavior is associated with intelligent and wise behavior. However, the flounder's deliberate behavior is more a reflection of its ecological niche than it is intelligence. I'm not saying that the flounder is a stupid fish. No, not at all! The flounder is probably about as intelligent as most modern fish, but both in anatomy and physiology the flounder has evolved a rather deliberate approach to survival. It isn't wisdom, but it is a fish doing what it can do best.

A NOVEL IN ITS HONOR! A few years ago Gunter Grass wrote a novel called simply, **The Flounder**, and it is a take-off on the fable about the fisherman, the flounder, and the fisherman's wife. It is a strange work because of its style, but it is intriguing. The theme of the novel concerns a primitive man who represents all men through time and who catches a flounder. To his surprise the flounder talks to him and offers to provide him with advice in exchange for his freedom. The fisherman releases the flounder and in return, the flounder gives to man the knowledge and advice with which to overcome many of his limitations. There is much more to the story, but that is the part that pertains to our discussion. Again, we find literary evidence that the flounder is regarded by man as an intelligent and wise fish.

IRONIC! Thus, with this knowledge that many peoples in many cultures have regarded the flounder as a smart fish, it is ironic that many sport fishermen believe that the flounder is dumb and easy to catch. Yes, many flounder are caught each year and yes more fishermen catch more flounder than they do striped bass, but is this a reflection of how smart the fish is? No, it isn't; but it is a reflection of the fact that in most places flounder (in season), are more abundant than striped bass and because flounder are less mobile than striped bass. Thus, when the fish move into an area they will stay there and be available in good quantities. Now there are times when flounder are not so abundant and then most fishermen will say that the season is over and there aren't any flounder to catch. However, the crafty flounder fisherman will find a way to catch some of the flounder that remain. When there are not a lot of flounder available the fish will not compete intensely for the available food. Thus, they will not be as aggressive in feeding and they become harder to catch. Under these conditions the flounder fisherman who is precise in applying his techniques will catch flounders while the casual fisherman will not succeed. The careful fisherman will be very selective about fishing locations, chum heavily with chum pots, make certain that only the freshest baits are used, will sharpen his hooks, and pay strict attention to his rod at all times.

SNOWSHOES ARE A DIFFERENT SPECIES! This is one of the myths about winter flounder that hangs on tenaciously. Many times fishermen catching flounder at Gardiner's Island or around Block Island will catch flounder of four and five pounds. Often these fish will appear different. For example, the white under-belly around the fins may appear yellow and this may be especially true around the tail. Thus, some fishermen believe that they have caught yellowtail flounder. Although it is possible for some yellowtail flounder to mix with winter flounder in some deep water locations, the bulk of the flounder will be blackbacks. The yellowing is a phenomena that occurs with aging in this species. Generally speaking, the older a blackback gets the more yellow it will have. Larger flounder may also have a different shape and again, this is associated with age. The same thing happens to other species when they get older. For example, compare a striped bass of about three pounds with one that weighs around thirty pounds. The young bass has a narrow tapered head. As the fish get older, the head becomes more massive and with much less slope to the dorsal surface. Percentage-wise, the head weighs more and more as time goes on. In fact, the head of a very large bass can weigh as much as one-third of its total body weight. Blues are the same; they differ in body proportions with age, too. A blue of about five pounds is a long and thin fish. The girth of a young blue is modest and the dorsal colors will vary from emerald green to blue-green. The sides of the fish will be silvery white. Now, if one studies a blue of over fifteen pounds, that fisherman will find that the blue will often be thicker and stubbier. It isn't unusual, for example, to weigh several blues from fourteen to eighteen pounds and discover that less than an inch separates their length measurements. The weight in these large choppers tends to be added to the girth. There are color differences, too. Instead of light green and blue-green, the color will often be dark blue with only a hint of grey on the sides. There may also be flashes of purple along the flanks and the sides will be grey/silver instead of silvery white. The white will usually be restricted to the very bottom of the fish. Thus, a larger flounder will be thicker and stubbier. Some of the larger fish may appear almost round instead of long and round. (This may also be a result of genetic variations between geographic groups of flounder.) The lips will become larger in larger flounder and become more and more protruding. Not only the ventral

coloration may change, but the dorsal as well. Larger fish tend to stay in deeper water and often the bottom in deeper water is not as uniformly covered with black mud. The bottoms may be sandy, for instance, or they may be covered with gravel. All flatfish have the ability to modify the coloration of their dorsal surfaces; it is part of their defense against predators. Color is controlled by special glands that either allow more pigment to flow to the surface or restrict pigment flow to the surface. This control can vary from place to place on the skin. Thus, they can imitate a gravel bottom by forming blotches of different shades of brown. Their chameleon ability is not voluntary, but is instead controlled instinctively. They pick up the patterns of light in their surroundings. These messages are transmitted to the brain by special nervous tissue connections. The brain then sends out messages to the skin which activates the pigment glands and other tissue in the skin and below the skin.

FLOUNDERS ARE GARBAGE EATERS! This is another myth about flounders. Although it is true that flounders can be scavengers in their feeding habits, they will not eat garbage or rotted matter. They will eat fresh dead animals or pieces of animals. However, they prefer live small crustaceans, worms, and mollusks. These animals are usually most abundant in rich mud. Thus, we find them feeding on muddy bottoms more often than on hard bottoms—especially in shallow water. The mud may abound with small clams, worms, amphipods and copepods, as well as fish eggs and small fishes. However, flounders are opportunists and they will feed on whatever is around. As stated this usually means worms, etc. However, in the last few years there have been a lot of sand eels in many spots and the flounders have found these sand eels to be a convenient and abundant food source. Sand eels like sandy mud since it is easy for them to burrow into sand that is made just a bit softer by some mud. They stick their heads out of the sediment. Okay, along comes Mr. Flounder and the flatfish can easily suck in the sand eel by going for the head. We have caught flounders that were just loaded with sand eels and we have had reports from places like Peconic Bay, Montauk, Long Island Sound, to mention a few, that our readers have caught flounders in much the same state.

FLOUNDERS ARE NOT AGGRESSIVE! Yes, this is a myth, too. They seem sluggish, but they aren't. When they are actively feeding they will raise up on their fins and their eyes will rotate frantically searching for food. When they see something move they will jump on it and if it is edible, they will suck it in quickly. They can move from place to place on the bottom very quick and in fact, they appear to "jump" from one spot to another several feet away.

FLOUNDERS AREN'T GOOD FIGHTERS. Another myth. Remember that the flounders we catch are usually between a half a pound and a pound-and-a-half. How hard can a one pound fish fight? We go after half-pound snappers with whippy little spinning rods that are more properly intended for sunfish while we often catch flounder with twenty pound class tackle. I do it too, but in comparison I realize that the flounder is putting up a whale of a battle for its size. I admit that a half-pound flounder really doesn't put up much of a fight, but when the fish get to about a pound or a pound-and-a-half, they are scrappy. This is especially true in deep water (over ten feet) and where there is a current. Flounder will "dig" for the bottom and although their endurance is not great (lack of abundant blood vessels in the muscles to take away waste products rapidly), they do generate a good "kick." In a current they are very good at curving their bodies broadside to the current so that the fisherman is pulling not only against the weight of the fish, but the force of the current as well.

NEXT WEEK: More flounder myths and facts.

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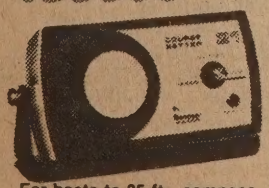

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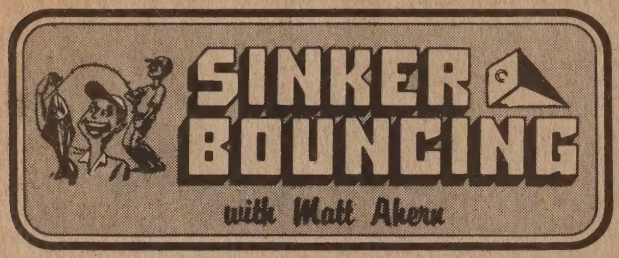

SHORE FISHING FOR FLOUNDER

I know many sinker bouncers who look upon shore fishing for flounder as a complete waste of time. But I can't say that I agree with them, for I've always found this type of fishing worthwhile. Not every day, perhaps, but enjoyable enough for me to relish the anticipated expectations of the next trip. During all my long years of shore fishing, I've found little to complain about. In fact, depending upon where the fishing is done, catching flounder from shore is often as productive as boat fishing—sometimes better. I can recall many times when shore fishermen outfished the local skiff fleet, which only proves that the fellow who knows his stuff goes home with the fish—and it doesn't much matter where he dunks his bait. Not too long ago I emphasized this to a despairing shore fisherman, but my words fell on ears that would hear not. He wasn't a bit convinced. He insisted that if those hot-shot fishermen tried shore fishing in his neck of the woods, they'd find out differently. It finally came out that this exasperated sinker bouncer had been fishing one particular area for months, practically on a daily basis, and never did he catch enough fish to even cover the bottom of his bucket. Nor could he recall anyone ever making a killing in the same locality. From that and from what he further told me, I knew this fellow could fish that area from now to doomsday and still get poor results. You can't catch fish that aren't there.

Just because a bit of water looks "fishy" doesn't necessarily mean you're going to catch fish. You can liken such areas to the Sahara: there's plenty of sand but little life. There are many such places in relationship to good fishing. What you've got to find is an oasis in that watery desert.

Let me go on record as saying that there are few remaining "unknown" fish-producing spots in the true sense of the word. Sure they exist, but those that do front either on private property and are therefore off limits, or are held in deepest secrecy and confidence, shared only by buddies of long standing. As for myself, I know of none—and that's the truth. Therefore, I believe the average fisherman should consider their non-existence as fact and devote his efforts only to those areas with known fish-catching reputations.

Those shore flounder-producing spots I fish, such as Shinnecock Canal, the walkway south of Ponquogue Bridge, plus assorted spots along Dune Road in Hampton Bays, do produce fish for me. Whenever I've fished these places I can truthfully say I've never been skunked. And I'm sure there are similar areas elsewhere of which I am unaware.

So, the opportunity is there—it just takes a little effort to locate those in your immediate vicinity. I can't for the life of me see a fisherman who lives in Long Beach traveling out to eastern Long Island, thereby passing up some of the good fishing spots in his own area such as exist, for instance, around Reynold's Channel or Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek.

Many fellows insist upon doing this, though, and it is never surprising when they fail to do as well as they could. In order to become a successful shore fisherman, it is important to concentrate on one area known to produce fish and learn as much as possible about it—no matter how long it takes. If nothing else, those who do this will become proficient shore fishermen, taking fish from areas shunned by others who believe "the grass is always greener in the other guy's backyard."

You know, one of the most important facts, and often one of the least understood truths about flounder, is that they must be hunted: shore fishing or boat fishing, it's all the same in this respect.

Flounder absolutely will not come to you (unless, of course, you cause them to do so by the use of chum, which in itself is often a ticklish proposition). Even in the best shore fishing areas, there exists barren spots. As excellent a fishing place as Shinnecock Canal undoubtedly is, I know spots there where you couldn't buy a bite—no matter how much knowledge and experience is possessed by the man behind the rod and reel. Recall what was mentioned before: you can't catch fish if they aren't there.

You can always tell when a shore fishing area is good—there's usually plenty of competition. But don't let that discourage you. It means only that your chances of success are greatly enhanced. I never mind competition; in fact, I will often welcome it because I know all that bait and sinker bouncing is attractive to flounder. The most difficult of all places for the beginner to catch flounder are those areas where competition is nil. It is always best to consider that there is a good reason for lack of interest in such places—especially by our more advanced fishermen.

How you fish flounder from shore is most important. You can't just select a spot, cast out, and leave it go at that. Sure, you might be lucky and hit into fish immediately. This does happen from time to time to all of us, but don't count on it. The only dependable thing you have going for you is the knowledge that somewhere in the immediate vicinity your chosen area does produce fish. It is up to you to make it do just that.

One highly unproductive method in use by many fishermen is to cast out, take up the slack, and then place the rod in a sand spike. Not only does fishing eventually become boring when this is done, but if action isn't immediately forthcoming, attention is often diverted—usually it seems just about the time Freddie Flounder decides to pay your offering a bit of interest.

This lackadaisical approach to shore fishing may still produce fish in March and early April, for often at that time, you will find an occasional flounder has hooked itself without your prior knowledge; but as inland waters warm, flounder become more active, making it imperative that you have control over your tackle at all times. It then becomes necessary to be on the alert, ready always to strike back at the first nip.

If fish are not found in the spot you've selected, don't continue to stand there like a statue. If you go home empty-handed because of this, you have only yourself to blame. Move a few feet and make another cast. Wait a reasonable amount of time and if necessary, move once more. But this time make fan-like casts so that you cover the radius in five-foot sections. This should bring results. If not, move off and repeat the process.

Shore fishing can be a tough grind, I know, but once fish are located, you will be repaid well for your efforts. Keep all fish-producing spots in mind, for if you intend to do a bit of fall flounder fishing, those areas will again produce. And never forget there is a reason why flounder favor one particular place over another. You may never satisfy yourself as to that reason, but you will certainly know where the fish are—and where they aren't (which, when you come right down to it, is just as important).

Shore fishing can also become aggravating and many times you have to use the old gray matter to overcome many of the obstacles Nature see fits to strew in our piscatory paths.

I recall in particular one windy, blustery morning some years ago when I failed to do just that. I was moving about on a marshy shore off Dune Road in Hampton Bays, busily casting into Shinnecock Bay for early spring flounder and not doing well at all. There were fewer than a dozen fish in the bucket, and this after a good two hours' casting and slogging my way through the mire.

Shinnecock Canal's "John The Baker" shows how.

What little action I got came from fish almost beyond reach of my cast. The only thing that kept me at it was my hope that the buffeting onshore wind would diminish, for every time it showed evidence of this, I managed to reach a distant feeding area where I was immediately rewarded with the attention of a flounder.

I continued to make those difficult casts, taking advantage of any lull in the gusty wind in order to get the bait out there. I knew, of course, that I was missing many fish because of that annoying wind-caused belly in the line, but I kept trying. Occasionally, I would take a chance and rear back on the rod without waiting for a telltale bite and as luck would have it, snag a flounder, sometimes in the mouth, and sometimes in the underside.

It was about then when my long-headed, long-time fishing buddy Nick Hauck put in an appearance. I told him what was going on, whereupon he made several casts to confirm my observations, lay down his rod, scouted the marshes, and returned with several clumps of bank mussels.

These Nick cracked underfoot and then, taking advantage of each lessened buffeting of wind, and with unerring aim, he tossed them out to the feeding zone, two and three at a time. Gradually, and many clumps later, the distance was reduced until an area was finally seeded within easy reach for trouble-free casting, and here Nick finished up with several extra clumps of mashed mussel.

We waited a spell, chatting as old friends will, giving the fish time to work closer, and then we took up our rods once more and began casting to the newly-seeded area. No longer was there difficulty. Nick had conned those fish into following the path of cracked mussel into our easy reach. It no longer mattered how strong the wind blew for we now hooked flounder after flounder with simple ease.

This is a prime example of one fisherman using the old gray matter—and of one who didn't.

Flounder fishing from shore can indeed be difficult at times—and it can also be simple. You never know from day to day until the attempt is made, but one thing is certain: if you don't use the old noggin, there will be few flounder in your bucket.

I'll leave you with this: never hesitate to try those places which have a fish-catching reputation—they pay off. Use fresh bait whenever possible: slice soft clam necks, sliced fresh skimmer, and, of course, frisky sand and bloodworms. Use decent-sized pieces of bait—forget the flounder's small mouth. Experiment. Use combinations of fresh bait on your hooks. Pay strict attention to what the fish prefer and make sure to use that—tomorrow they'll want something else, but never mind that.

And keep moving until you find fish. You won't regret it.

SURF FISHING: KEEPING WARM

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layer of clothing. A belt cinched tightly around the waist will prevent water from being forced under the top by inrushing waves. The other openings are a little more difficult to seal. The hood can be tied snugly around the face, but that still leaves the throat area vulnerable permitting water to trickle down the chest. A terrycloth towel rolled and stuffed around the neck will control most of this nuisance. The other areas of concern are the wrists. Sealing with vinyl tape or using wristlets with velcro fasteners will offer better protection than the snaps found on most parkas.

There is an item available which will prevent the annoying flow of water up an angler's arms when he is fishing waist deep in the suds. Listed in the Surfcaster's catalog are waterproof sleeves selling for under $10, which can be worn alone or over the parka. These sleeves have elastic bands fitted on either end, the tight fitting cuff prevents water from washing up the arms while the elastic on the opposite end holds the upper sleeve in place well above the elbow. This catalog, containing many other items of interest to surf fishermen, can be acquired by dropping a line to The Surfcaster, 113 Maywood Road, Darien, Ct. 06820.

Long underwear is essential when standing for long periods in chilled water. In the early spring or late in the fall and winter, long-johns of the quilted type offer more protection than the thermal variety. The latter being better in the more moderate times of the year. Unlined rubber waders have very little insulating properties, readily transmitting the cold water temperatures to the lower torso and legs.

Probably the two most critical areas of most people are the hands and feet. Waders can be purchased with thermal boots which features a trapped pocket of air between two layers of rubber. These boots offer excellent protection against numb toes. Although this feature is a decided advantage in cooler weather, it can have its drawbacks if most of one's fishing is done in the hot summer months. Waders should be bought with the thought in mind of adding an extra pair of wool socks in cold weather. Buying a boot size which permits this addition without cramping the feet is essential.

The hands are the part of the body most in contact with the water and, therefore, most susceptible to becoming cold and painful if not protected. While some anglers can cast while wearing gloves, I am not that fortunate. Rubber gloves are ideal for they are waterproof, but unlined rubber affords little protection and lined gloves are cumbersome—especially when fishing lighter lines. Wool finger type gloves similar to the Army inserts available in surplus outlets offer some protection even after becoming wet. By cutting off the index finger of the casting hand a feel for the line can be gained while protecting the rest of the hand from exposure.

The slime, coating the hands when handling fish, can easily be washed off in warm weather. During bitter conditions intentional wetting of the hands should be avoided. Therefore, a rag, commonly used by bottom fishermen slinging live eels, can be slipped under the belt to be used in drying the hands and wiping off fish slime.

Many people dread the coming of winter, choosing to live in limited hibernation rather than face the unpleasant elements associated with this season. People with a true feeling for the outdoors accept this season as part of the overall pattern, to be welcomed and enjoyed like all the rest. Those who partake in the delights of the shore beyond the normal season find pleasures unavailable when competing with fair weather crowds. With proper dress and a little foresight, the dreary days of the "off-season" can be eliminated or shortened considerably. Fresh crisp air and invigorating exercise are a welcome remedy for abolishing those winter drearies.

WHY NOT SPOONS?

by Capt. John Demaio

Being at a time in life when I am sensitive about my age, I shouldn't be writing articles that go back to the way-back-whens. Lately my failing eyesight is in a race with my receding hairline. A look in the mirror when first arising can bring on tears. I feel like the hero of "10": unable to change his destiny, and learning to accept it.

The aging process is not without its rewards. (I can hold my liquor a lot better now. That's a big help in today's society.) Some people gain knowledge and wisdom, or simply the ability to recall the past events in one's life—good and bad. You think of family, business and opportunities gone by. Most often we think trivial matters fostered by associations that bear no logic. And so it was that the thought of spoons crossed my mind. Whatever happened to spoons?

The death of the spoon began with the birth of the latex tube. Rubber replaced the metal—and with good reason. Not only was the tube a hot lure when it began, it still is. Another consideration was the price. You can buy six tube lures, umbrella rig size, for about the price of one spoon. Because of the long absence of spoons from the fishing scenes, their value has been forgotten, ignored or simply not brought to the attention of a generation of anglers that began within the past twenty years. Thus adding to the reasons for the permanent demise of the spoon.

Here and there, Bunker spoons and its many variations did make a lot of noise, but it has since dwindled. A group of anglers in the Rockaway Beach area kept the faith for a long time (and still do, I would venture to say), but a lack of bass in that area has all but eliminated that practice. Whether they do use bunker spoons any longer really does not concern this article. For I write of the smaller variety of spoons that was once considered standard tackle on a fishing boat. Along with the eel skin rig and assorted bucktails, the spoon took top honors in the arsenal of fish-catching weapons. Like any other lure, it had to be fished correctly for success. Being a trolling lure, a good deal of knowledge and experience was needed to acquire the skill for effective use. Once you had mastered its technique, you discovered what a pleasure it was to use.

My earliest recollection of spoons was on the Tin Can Grounds. In those years, only a handful of trollers worked the "Can." (The popularity of private boat ownership was in its infancy.) Common practice was the use of hand lines instead of rod and reel. One man would handle two lines on outriggers. As the fish would bite, the angler would go from line to line, first getting the fish off the hook and the spoon back into the water before going to the other line. This way, hopefully, you always had one waiting to be pulled in. On the "Can," we used eighty feet of wire and a twenty foot mono leader on either hand line or rod and reel.

Everyone used a disgorger then, and that's where the spoon was a pleasure to handle. Spoons have a **set** hook. Not one that swings. When handling a bluefish it was an easy matter to flip the fish onto the disgorging cross bar by holding on to the spoon. In the case of hand lines, the spoon could immediately be tossed over the side. No need for adjustments, such as with a tube.

The one danger of the spoon is changing its shape by abusive handling. This, in turn, can effect the swimming characteristics which will result in no bites. Most damage came by way of stepping on it. A rolling sea and a quick step to the side for balance can turn a spoon into a waffle. If used properly the spoon can give you more longevity than a tube lure. Some spoons are made of a heavy gauge metal. Others are thin-walled. Weights and shapes determine the swimming motion. Pay attention to these features if you plan to buy one. For you anglers who hate to use a diamond jig and enjoy trolling single lures, try the spoon.

In Florida the commercial kingfishermen are very big on spoons. (Or **were** big. I understand the multiple tube lure has received a lot of play there in the last few years.) Their preference is for the Drone Spoon. This is a thin-walled spoon with the classic teardrop shape. What makes it different is a double ring arrangement for tying onto it. Local anglers claim the double ring aids in the action of the spoon. Whatever, I have seen them in action and they do catch. A slight change of rigging goes against the logic we use here on Long Island. In Florida, especially the offshore areas, the water is very clear. You would almost swear that a mono leader would be a must. But no, because of the vicious teeth of the king mackerel, they tie the wire directly to the spoon. And they catch—boy, do they ever. I don't believe a leader would make for more bites. Maybe this is something we should try in our waters. Drone spoons come in several sizes.

Only a few years back the Hopkins Company, makers of the Hopkins Jig, came out with a spoon of their own. It is the first spoon I have ever seen with a hammered surface. Having never used one, or knowing anyone else who may have tried it, I cannot comment on how well it works. I can only say that the Hopkins people must have faith in spoons. Of course, if next year they come out with a stainless steel tube, it will go to prove their belief in metal.

The workhorse of years past was the Tony Acetta series of spoons and the "squid" spoons. Acetta's spoons are a design all their own and of a very heavy metal. They were virtually indestructable and could be fished for a season. (Just stay off the bottom and always check your line.)

"Squid" spoons have an almost equal four-sided design and also come in many sizes. The gauge metal is thinner. Their action varies from the Acetta style. Depending on the bait in the water and the type fish you are after, a careful selection of spoon and size is important. I only wish I could tell you what spoon and size best matched what bait. But I cannot. If anyone reading this has some ideas, don't hesitate to write to this paper.

An advantage of spoons over tubes is that it has a built-in action. Tubes have to be adjusted from time to time to maintain the proper action. No adjusting is required with the spoon. Instead careful attention should be given to your trolling speed. I believe spoons must be trolled a little faster than tubes. They must move through the water and not be allowed to **hang** on the bottom. Be careful not to use too

heavy a mono leader on small spoons. This may inhibit the lure's action.

If you're an umbrella rig fan you may want to try replacing your tubes with spoons. It works! Believe me. I have been told that it will produce best on bright sunny days. Chances are it may not catch as well as the tubes, but then again, there may be that one day.

A favorite trick amongst spoon fishermen would be to place a piece of pork rind on the hook. This simple and easy addition can make the difference between no bites and good fishing. Which leads me to the obvious. Why not a tube on the end of the spoon? How about that! After all, we put leadheaded spoons in front of large tubes for added action—so why not a small tube behind a medium size spoon? This may not be just a winter's brainstorm. The possibilities are there.

Maybe spoons have had their day. At least in popularity if not necessarily catching power. I really don't believe it. If I were to troll more than I normally do, I would play with the use of spoons. As near as five years back, before I began to charter, I still used the small spoons. Tony Acettas, Drones and whatever I had leftover or I found lying about—discarded like "has-beens." These lures were used mostly when I wanted a box of bluefish for market. I found the spoons still caught well and were a lot easier to handle than the umbrella, especially when fishing alone. Even though the umbrellas would bring up several bluefish at once, the time and frustration spent **setting** the rig back into the water kept the production down to almost equal the single spoons.

Because the spoon is not an **essential** lure to have and use, the demand cannot overcome the price. Its future as a **hot** fishing lure is doubtful. No legion of angling fanatics will invade the tackle shops and seek out the silvery flashing spoons, where they lay in faded boxes on dusty shelves in dark corners. No way! Between the growing number of non-trollers and the widespread successful use of tubes, the active use of spoons is doubtful. Still I believe there are times when it will outfish tubes.

Obtaining spoons may be a problem as I discovered when I tried to research the various sizes I mentioned herein. Once again, I ask for a reader, maybe a tackle merchant, to follow up on what is available in today's retail market. Whatever, buy a couple and play. Good luck.

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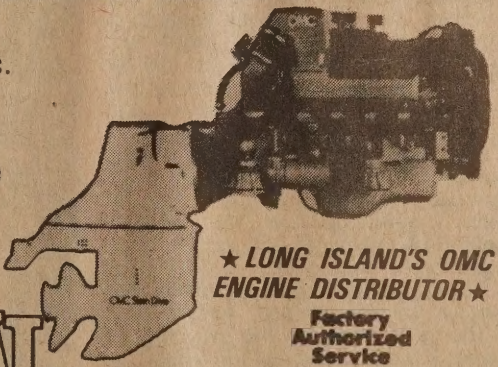

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A Fast Water Pickup System

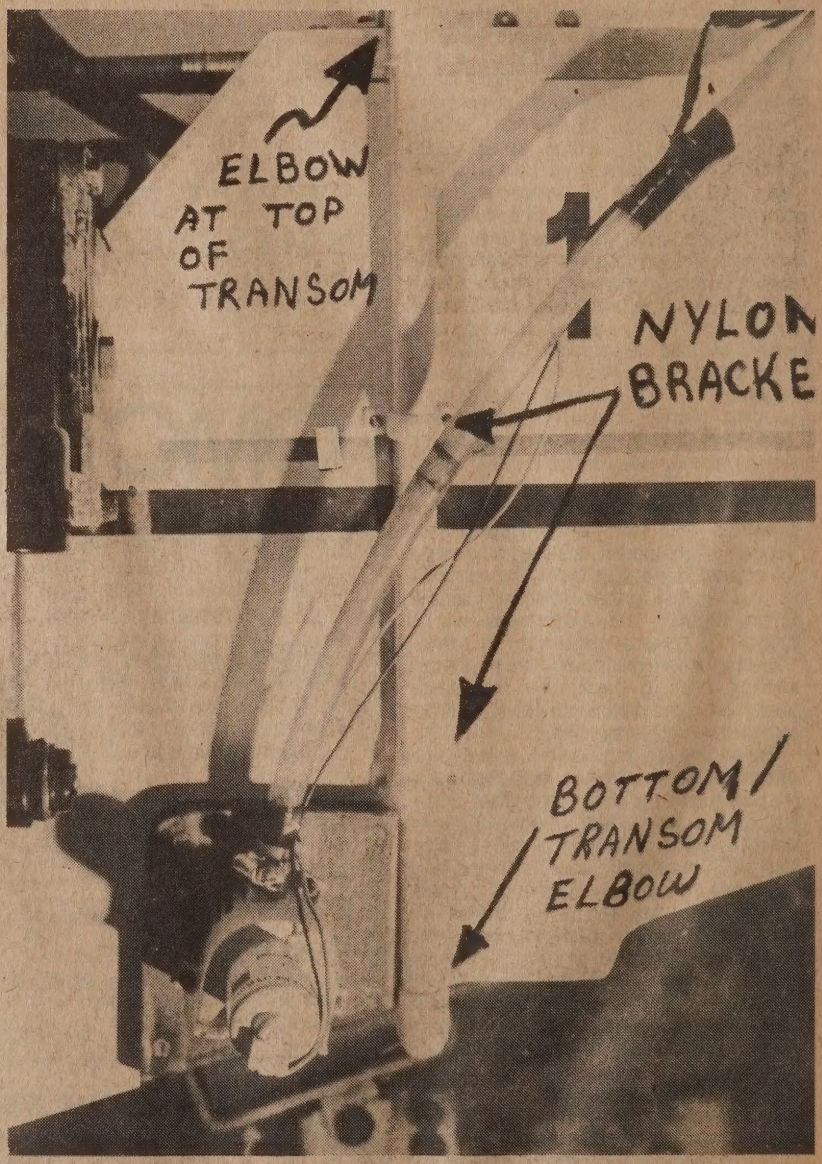
by Ron Wojcik

Time was when my live bait well on board the "Joy I" was nothing more than a forty gallon plastic garbage can. Changing the water consisted of bailing out three or four buckets from the well and then replacing it with an equivalent amount of fresh sea water. Needless to say, this was one big pain, especially on those real hot summer days when frequent changes were a necessity. But back then, I didn't do that much live bait fishing, so the system sufficed. Most of my boat fishing was done at night, drifting or dragging live eels. Daylight fishing was centered around trolling tubes.

When the action on eels and tubes went down the drain, I was more or less forced into live bait fishing. I decided it would be a good idea to replace the well with one capable of holding eighty gallons of water and to also add a pump. The job took so little time that I went a step further and installed an overflow pipe from the well to the stern of the Joy I. The results of these two simple projects was an immense gain in the amount of fishing time and also far less backaches. And with baitfish plentiful, mackerel and pogies close to home, the short runs to the fishing grounds with no fresh sea water being pumped aboard had little or no effect on the live bait. So what if we lose a couple in transit.

The fishing, as well as the bait picture got worse and on occasion, I had to make the long run from the Point to Wickford Harbor for a load of bunker. Problem was that on the trip home, I would have to stop frequently to change or add fresh sea water to the well. A couple of aerators helped to lessen the frequency of the stops, but it still was a pain.

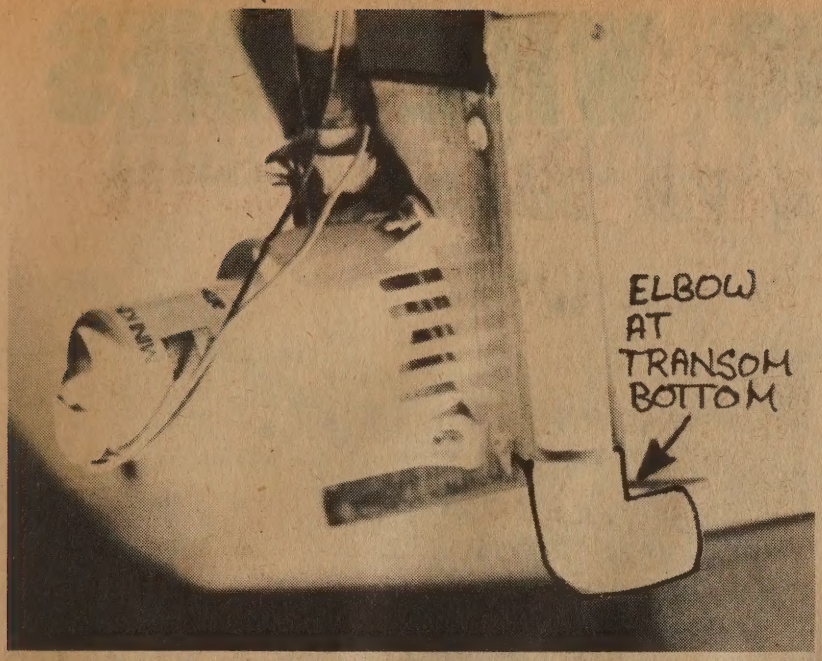
I then got interested in fast water pick-up systems and had a couple of fishing buddies show me their hardware. Later, being invited to fish with them, I got a firsthand chance to observe the performance of these systems. In general, they worked well in pumping water into the well with the boat in motion. But I was still reluctant to install such a system for a few reasons. One, most were fashioned and fabricated from metal tubing: copper, aluminum, etc. Secondly, although the intake worked well, it wasn't easy to regulate. The volume of water coming in was always exceeding the volume of water going out the overflow pipe. This resulted in plenty of water on the deck that necessitated installing a pump to remove this overflow water. Also, the metal pipes on the stern corroded, causing a mess to the hull of the boat. And shutting off the system completely when not in use, was cumbersome.



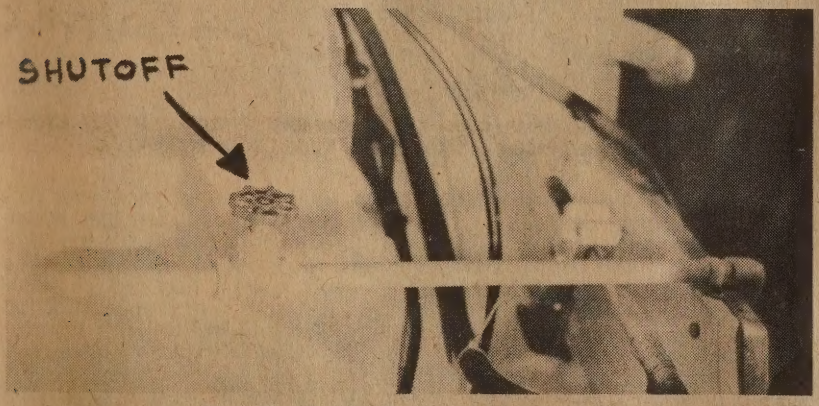
Plumbing for live bait on the stern of author's rig.

Well, last season I finally took the plunge into a fast water pick-up system. And after a summer of frequent use, I rate this system as A1; no corrosion and no overflow problems and it's easy to shut down when not in use.

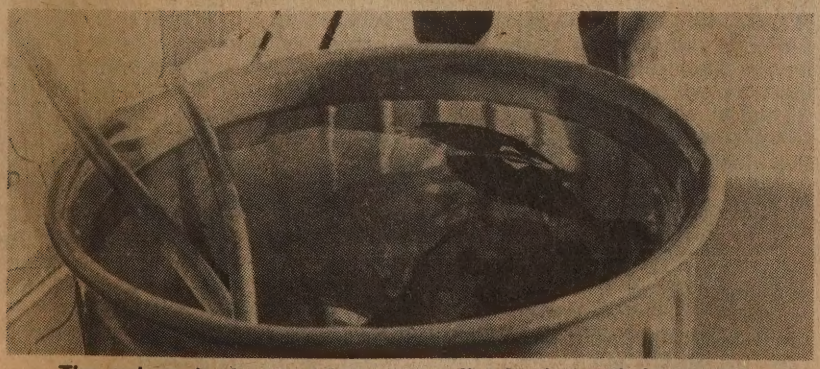
The answer is in installing and using pipe, elbows and shutoffs made of CPVC. The clamps used to secure this system to the hull and stern are made on nylon. The only



Close-up of the elbow at bottom of transom.



Shutoff valve for the fast water pickup.



The end result of a good bait system: live bunker and clear water.

metal in the system is the screws fastening the clamps to the hull, and for this I used aluminum. Furthermore, forget the solder, blow torch, etc. A can of glue replaces all these items. And assembly and installation time is fast—just an hour or two.

Tools needed consist of a hacksaw, drill and sharp knife.

Materials needed consist of eight feet of one inch CPVC tubing; one shutoff and three elbows made of the same material. Also include three or four nylon brackets, six or eight aluminum screws, one male threaded joint made of CPVC and a six foot section of one inch garden hose with a female coupling on one end. Add one small can of Uni-weld plastic pipe cement. Cost of all this is approximately $12.

I started my assembly at the transom/bottom junction of the Joy I. Cut a piece of the piping, maybe four inches longer than the depth of the transom. Glue one elbow to one end of the pipe. Now, position this elbow so that it fits snug against the bottom on one leg of the elbow, with the second leg snug against the transom. Mark the opposite end of the piping at the top of the transom. Cut the pipe approximately one-half inch below this mark. The half inch will be regained when you attach the second elbow. Now cement the second elbow to the piping taking care that the two elbows are parallel and the openings face the same direction.

Secure this section of pipe to the stern with two of the nylon brackets. Make sure that the opening of the elbow on the bottom of the boat is parallel, as much as possible, to the center line of your craft. Use the third clamp to secure the pipe as it comes over the transom of your boat. This will prevent the pipe from twisting or turning.

Before doing the next step, you have to answer the question of where you want the water flow control (shutoff) valve. Since I have a large motor well in the stern of the Joy I, I preferred to install the shutoff in the motor well. This reduced the chance of someone accidently hitting it.

Cut a section of pipe measuring in length from the elbow at the transom to where you want the water control valve. Glue this pipe to the elbow at the transom and then glue the shutoff to the pipe. Next, cut a section of pipe that fits into the shutoff on one end and will have the male coupling on the other. I also had to drill a hole through the motor well to pass the pipe through. Pass the pipe through this hole and cement to the shutoff. On the opposite end, cement the male coupling. Connect the garden hose using a little plumber's putty and you're in business.

When traveling a long distance with a well full of bait, I use the following to regulate the water flow. Keep the motorized intake pump running until your boat is moving fast enough that it no longer pumps water into the bait well. When you shut it off, it will now begin to siphon water from the well. This, coupled with the overflow line will allow you to keep the water control valve on the fast pickup system opened more, allowing more fresh water to be forced into the tank without danger of overflow. Start with the valve opened three-quarters; one or two adjustments while you're running and you should be able to run all day without worrying about the live bait well.

Spring's acoming and so are the buckeyes, so give this system some thought. The added fishing pleasure is well worth the small amount of cost and work.

MARKING WIRE LINES

by Pete Barrett

Although we answered a question on how to mark wire lines in a recent Tackle Doctor column, we have had so many inquiries about marking wire that we thought it would be a good idea to go into the different methods in greater detail for the many who have asked for more information at the sport and boat shows, and through letters and phone calls.

There are three main methods to mark wire and we'll take them one at a time to describe exactly how they work and how each is better or worse than the other methods.

TAPE.

Elastic tape like the type sold in hardware stores under the 3M label is my favorite method because it is so easy, inexpensive and requires so little time to do. It has one major pitfall. If you don't wrap enough tape on the wire, the mark may slide up or down the wire. A moving mark does little to tell you how deep your lines are.

I lay the tape, usually an inch wide and ten inches long, on a piece of plexiglass and slit the tape into thin slivers about a quarter-inch wide. Wrap the tape along the wire in a spiral wrap for about four inches, then start wrapping it back over itself. When finished, the wrap should be neat, small in profile, to slip through the guides and immovable.

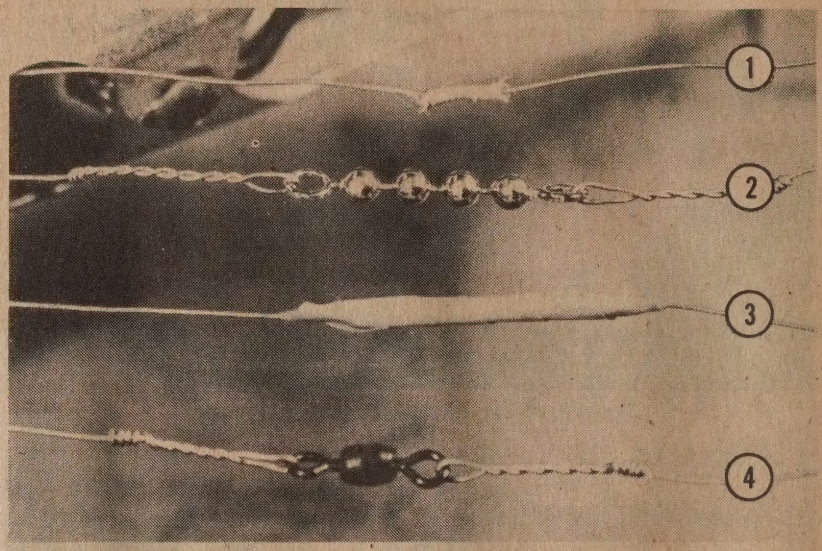
I've used tape wraps for over ten years with no trouble at all, and no slippage. The marks are easy to feel while fishing at night and are easily visible during daylight hours.

RUBBER BAND/DENTAL FLOSS.

Vic Galgano uses a method of marking wire that is hard to beat for durability and reliability. He stretches a rubber band along the wire line and then wraps a length of dental floss over the stretched rubber band. After wrapping for about an inch to two inches, a pair of half hitches hold the wrap in place while you trim the ends of the floss and the rubber band. When the tension on the band is released, the swelling of the rubber as it returns to its normal unstretched diameter holds the entire mark tightly in place. A quick spray with paint or a touch or two with permanent magic marker and you are ready to fish.

BEAD CHAIN OR BARREL SWIVELS.

Favored by many charter skippers, the bead chain mark has a drawback since it cannot be used with roller guides. The bead chains or swivels could possibly, under constant use, pop a Fuji guide ring out of the plastic mount ring. Charter skippers may experience this, but if you are careful, there is no reason to worry. I've used the swivels to attach my leaders and backing to the wire and have had absolutely no difficulty. Keep in mind that a tight drag and big fish does put a lot of pressure on that mounting ring if you aren't careful.



Rubber band/dental floss mark (1) is durable. Bead chain (2) and swivel (4) is used on many charter boats. Tape (3) is easiest.

Mate the bead chain or swivel to the wire with haywire twists at the end of each shot of wire. Like the tape, the beads and swivels are easy to feel at night, but are difficult to color code for daylight fishing. You must be sure to count the number of swivels to pass through the guides to accurately determine the trolling depth.

One advantage of the swivel marks is the ability to quickly add a new shot of wire should you lose one or more of the marked lengths. Many fishermen carry extra pre-cut fifty foot lengths of wire with swivels already attached. If a fifty foot length is lost from hanging bottom with a lure, the new length is quickly added to be back in business.

BASIC DEPTH FORMULA.

Every boat, every tide, every lure will fish differently while trolling wire, but as a general rule of thumb you can figure that for every fifty feet of wire you have IN THE WATER, the lure will run at five feet down. If you put out one hundred fifty feet of wire, your lure will run about fifteen feet down. Naturally, the action of the lure itself, the speed of the boat, the rate of water current and surface water chop or swells will have an effect on how deep the lures will go.

Most wire liners mark the wire at one hundred feet and then at every fifty feet thereafter. It is unusual to troll with only fifty feet in the water; so there's no need to mark the first fifty feet.

Wire is sold most often in one hundred yard lengths and so most fishermen put this amount on their reels. If you need to get even deeper, you can add trolling drails.

For every four ounce drail you will add another five feet of depth. If you want to reach the forty foot level, let out three hundred feet of wire which will get you down thirty feet (six lnegths of fifty feet), then add eight ounces of drail for the next ten feet, for a total of forty feet of depth.

Wire lining may be many weeks away, but there is no time like right now to get your wire trolling rods, reels and lines ready for that first run of bluefish. Marking the wire may be a little tedious, but it seems to be good therapy for the cool weather. Just handling the rods and reels will bring on thoughts of big fish, salty seas and sunny skies.

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THEN & NOW—
North Shore Flounder

by Bill Ricca

North Shore flounder fishing gets into high gear in early April. This is usually a few weeks after the South Shore. The reason for this is the waters of Long Island Sound warm a little slower than the shallower South Shore Bays.

My first encounter with flounder fishing took place twenty-five years ago. My Uncle Dan, an avid fisherman, felt it was time for me to get acquainted with saltwater fishing. We rented a skiff out of Vets Fishing Station in Whitestone. We roamed the bay propelled by his five horsepower Johnson outboard. In spite of the extreme cold and rain of that particular early spring day we did manage to nearly fill a bushel basket with flounders. From that day on, I was hooked on fishing. We spent every fishable Saturday that spring in Whitestone, Cold Spring Harbor, Oyster Bay or Huntington in search of flounder.

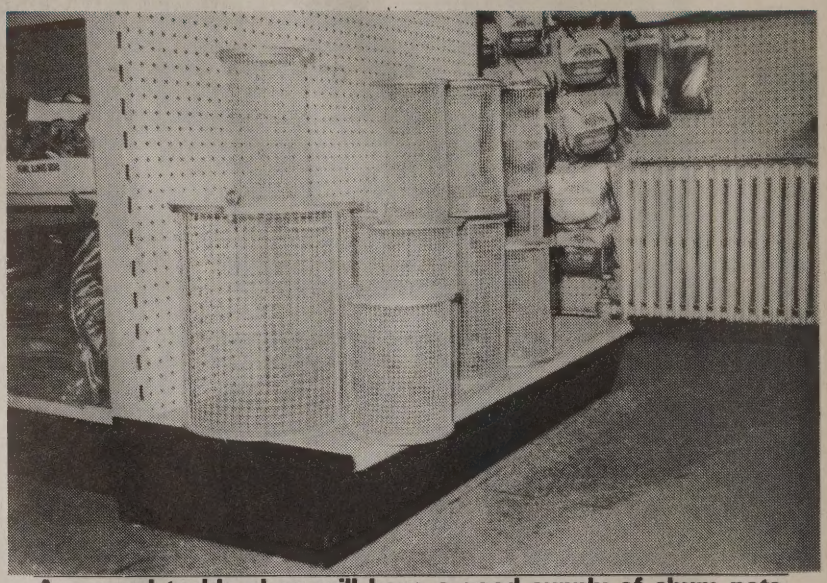
As I remember, we did quite well. In fact, each afternoon when we would return to the fishing station from where we launched, it always seemed that we did a great deal better than any of the other boats that were coming in. Being ten or twelve-years old, I really did not give it too much thought.

As the seasons passed and the years rolled by, I really began to take notice and understand why Dan and I always seemed to do so much better than those around us.

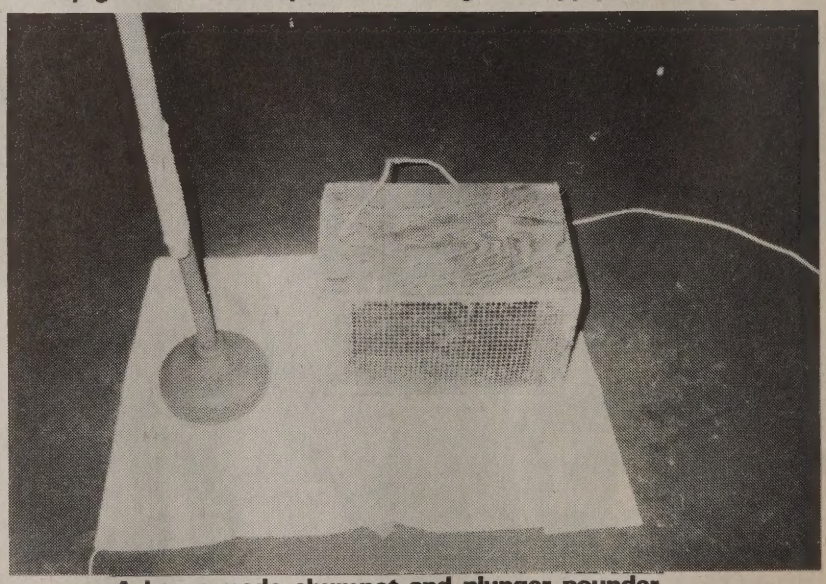
Techniques which I took for granted were in fact tricks and skills that Uncle Dan had learned over the years.

In those days fish, particularly flounder, were much more plentiful. Our catches were measured by the pails full or bushels full. All that seemed to influence the number of our catch were the weather conditions and how long we wanted to spend on the water that particular day. I remember one spring day in Cold Spring Harbor on which we accounted for over 300 flounders between us. While, as I mentioned, the fish were much more plentiful then, we still did far better than our competition.

Our good fortune was the result of several factors which were part of our regular routine. First, we always brought along at least one bushel of fresh bank mussels for chum. We always had a large supply of freshly dug sand and blood worms and when possible, tape or ribbon worms. In addition, we always used new, sharp, extra strong hooks for every outing.



Any good tackle shop will have a good supply of chum pots.



A home-made chumpot and plunger pounder.

One of the tricks that we would employ would be to begin by drifting in a new area (weather permitting). We would continue to drift until at least two fish were taken, at or nearly at the same time. When this occurred, we would take shore ranges when possible, anchor and chum with our mussels. If weather conditions would not permit a decent drift, we would go to a past productive spot and stir up the

bottom. This would be accomplished by putting over the anchor and dragging it by driving the boat in a tight circle. We then stopped and began to fish. When the first fish came aboard, we would chum heavily.

We always tried to vary our techniques. On some days, the flounders would virtually jump in to the boat, but on others, we had to use our heads and really work for them.

Sometimes when the fish were selective (usually on an easterly wind), we had to vary our lift. We found that on some days a very slow lift of the rod tip would enable us to feel the fish better. During these times, when the flounder were not aggressively hitting our bait, a normal lift would not produce. However, if our bait was moved slowly away from them, they would be enticed into striking. Another variation of the lift was a continuous bounce. We would virtually walk (bounce) the sinker along the bottom for a distance of three or four feet. This would be accomplished by a continuous, slow raising and lowering of the rod tip from one spot to another, three or four feet either left or right from where we started. This would be followed by a ten or fifteen second pause. Then a slow lift or two, if nothing happened, the same process would be repeated again.

Conditions are different today. The fish are not as plentiful. There are not only fewer fish today, but there are more people fishing for them. Many of the areas that produced fish twenty to twenty-five years ago are now barren of fish life today. In addition, due to land development, we are limited as to where we can even dig our bait supply.

However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Places like Hempstead Harbor, Oyster Bay, Cold Spring Harbor, Huntington and Northport Bays have experienced a fine run of flounders in the past two years. In fact, one trip I made to Northport early last April with my son and fishing buddy Marty, produced over eighty nice flounders for a half day's effort.

While the numbers of fish are still down, to score now we must employ some of the same techniques that we utilized years ago.

Bait is important. I'd suggest either digging or buying a supply of sand and/or blood worms. As an alternative, I've been bringing along a container or two of dyed skimmer clams. This saves money on the bait bill and gives you that little edge especially if the flounder turn their noses up at your worms.

For a supply of dyed clams, all you need is one bottle of yellow food dye and one of red, a box of Kosher salt, one-quarter to one-half bushel of skimmer clams and two empty half-gallon milk containers.

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separate the bellies (soft part) from the foot (hard part). Also scrape the lips from the clam shells and include them with the hard parts. Put half the foot and lip parts into each container. Stir in the yellow dye into one container and the red dye into the other. Stir well and add one-half handful of salt to each. Stir again and store overnight in a cool place (either your garage, basement—if unheated, or the bottom of your refrigerator). Let this stand overnight. The next day, stir well and transfer portions of each container into one pound margarine containers. Mark each container either red or yellow. Each container will hold enough bait for one day's outing, especially if you are supplementing this with worm or mussel bait. These smaller containers can be placed in the freezer for use when needed. The leftover clam bellies can be frozen in a block and used later for chum. When ready to use, defrost and cut the clams into bait size pieces.

As in the old days, one of the single, most important items that should be brought along on a fishing trip is chum. The best chum for flounders is a good supply of crushed bank mussels. Since there are less fish to attract, we do not really want them to feed on the chum and ignore our bait. We just want them to be attracted by it. Therefore, I now use a chum pot to carry my mussels to the bottom. These pots are small wire mesh baskets with lead bottoms which will hold your chum under the boat. These chum pots can be bought in any good tackle store or can be homemade. I feel that the larger the chum pot, the better.

The purpose of a chum pot is to release tiny particles of chum down-current. Fish will be attracted by these particles and will follow the tidbits to their source. Other forms of chum that will work in attracting flounders are corn, clam bellies, rice, cat food and a mixture of oatmeal and crushed egg shells. For best results, periodicallly lift and pound your chum pot on the bottom for a continuous release of particles. Remember, flounders are bottom dwellers and that is where you want your chum—on the bottom.

For catching North Shore flounders, I prefer a #8 or #10 Chesterton hook tied in tandem (never use metal spreaders). I make sure these hooks are extra strong and always very sharp and free of any bends.

I prefer light conventional tackle to spinning. I employ twelve or fifteen pound test mono line, spooled on an Ambassadeur 6000 reel. My son uses a Penn 9MS with fifteen pound test. Both of these reels are mounted on light action 6½' rods. Just about any light saltwater bait casting or conventional outfit can be used. I realize that many fishermen now use spinning tackle for flounder, but I prefer to use conventional tackle when bottom fishing. I feel that you will have better control with a conventional outfit when bottom fishing, because there will be fewer tangles when using a revolving spool reel as opposed to using a fixed spool reel.

A one to two ounce bank sinker is usually all that is needed to hold bottom. The exception would be when you had a very fast drift, or if you were in very deep water. Then I would move up to three or more ounces. It is important that the bait remain on the bottom.

You should remember that the heavier the line you use, the more tide resistance you will encounter, thus necessitating the use of a heavier sinker.

In conjunction with my chum pot, I also utilize a bottom pounder. This can be an old sash weight on a rope or even an old can filled with lead with an eye in it to make a rope fast to it. Another bottom pounder can be made from a plumber's plunger. This can be made by affixing a plunger to a long pole. This plunger pounder is more popular in the shallows of Great South Bay, but could be used in a few shallow back bay areas such as the Mill River portion of Oyster Bay.

With any of these pounders you would cause an underwater disturbance and stir up the bottom. This releases puffs of mud together with tiny particles of clams, worms and other potential food, which travels down-tide. Flounders are attracted to this like a chum line and follow it back to its source.

As mentioned above, to be successful you must be energetic and resourceful. You will have to work hard for your fish. Hopefully, we will have another good year flounder fishing.

You can be sure I will not only continue to use some of the techniques which caught fish for Dan and I years ago, but will also keep experimenting to produce the best catch.

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"A week's fishing on less than a gallon of fuel a day? The way I fish, without the help of an electric motor? Frankly, I doubted it. maybe four, but surely not six days.

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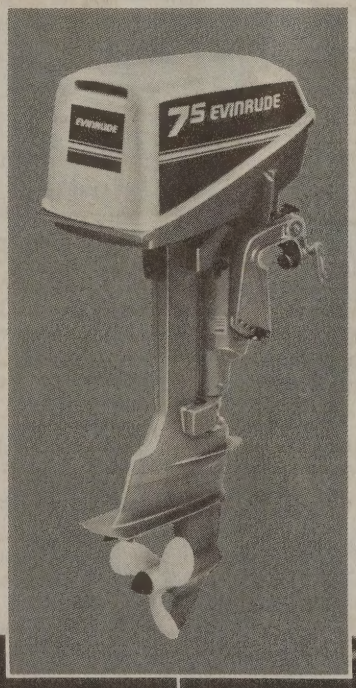
"To catch enough fish to eat, we had to hit it hard to ferret out four holding areas from one to four miles from the dock. Then, putting aside thoughts of fuel frugality, we deep-trolled during midday hours seeking a suspended lunker.



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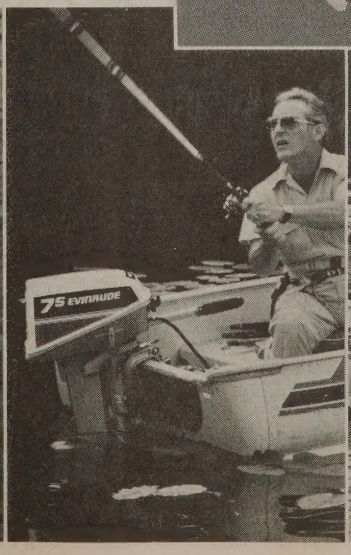

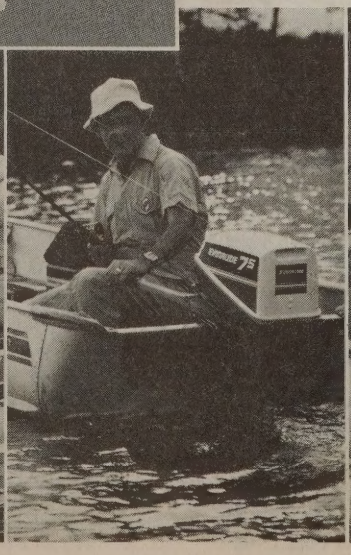

FISHERMAN TIPS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

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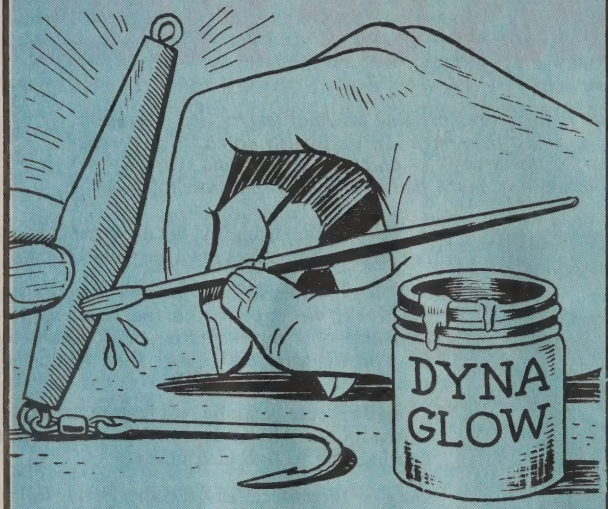
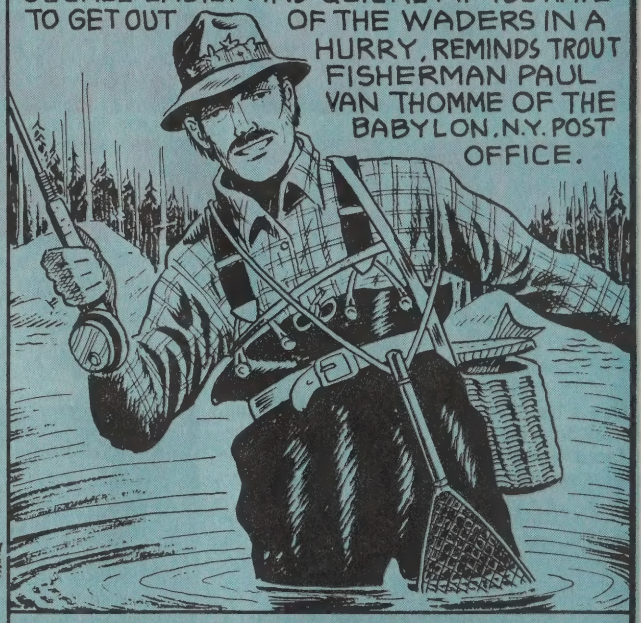
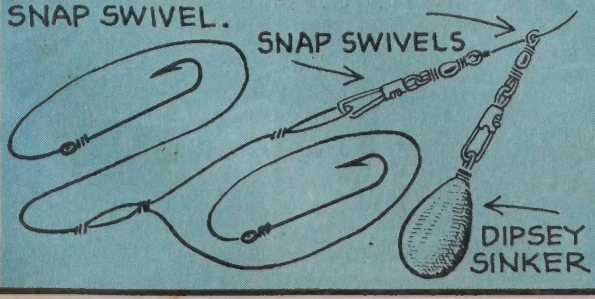


A BELT SNUGGED AROUND THE WAIST OF CHEST-HIGH WADERS WILL KEEP THEM FROM FILLING WITH WATER IF YOU FALL IN. BUT BE SURE YOU CAN RELEASE THE BUCKLE EASILY AND QUICKLY IF YOU HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE WADERS IN A HURRY, REMINDS TROUT FISHERMAN PAUL VAN THOMME OF THE BABYLON, N.Y. POST OFFICE.



CLINCH ON SINKERS CAN BE KEPT FROM SLIDING ALONG SLICK MONOFILAMENT LINE IF YOU TRIM A PAPER MATCH AND PLACE IT IN THE SLOT WITH THE LINE... WHEN WET, THE PAPER SWELLS TO PRESS TIGHT AGAINST THE LINE. ANOTHER TRICK IS TO WRAP THE LINE A COUPLE OF TURNS AROUND THE SINKER BE-TWEEN THE PINCH-ONS.

A SLIDING SINKER PERMITS FISH TO TAKE THE BAIT WITHOUT FEELING THE DRAG. YOU CAN MAKE ONE QUICKLY BY TYING ON A SNAP SWIVEL AFTER PASSING THE LINE THROUGH THE EYE OF ANOTHER SNAP SWIVEL.



TO IMBED EYE OF HOOK INSIDE PLASTIC WORM BEGIN BY INSERTING POINT IN BODY *BEHIND* - NOT IN THE HEAD ITSELF...

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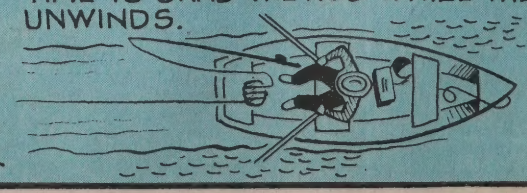
2. **GRAB HOOK** BY HEAD AND PULL LINE UPWARD SO IT CUTS ITS WAY INTO WORM. TURN HOOK OVER AND SINK THE POINT IN-TO THE BODY

3.

TO HOOK STRIKING FISH WHEN TROLL-ING ALONE WHERE OUTBOARDS ARE VER-BOTEN, BRING A FLAT STONE ABOARD... AFTER LETTING OUT LINE, TAKE A COUPLE OF TURNS AROUND THE STONE AND PLACE IT ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BOAT. THE STONE'S WEIGHT HELPS SET THE HOOK AND GIVES YOU TIME TO GRAB THE ROD WHILE THE LINE UNWINDS.



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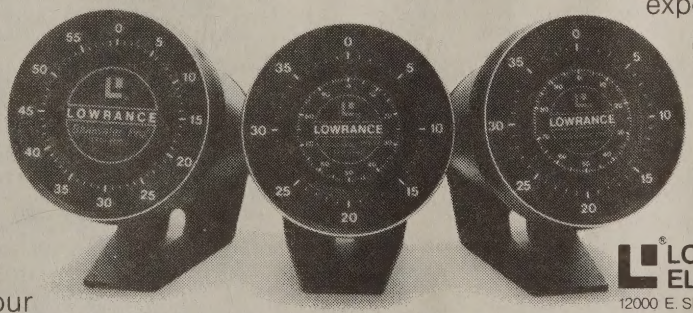

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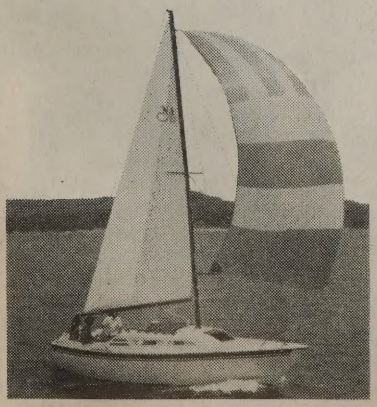

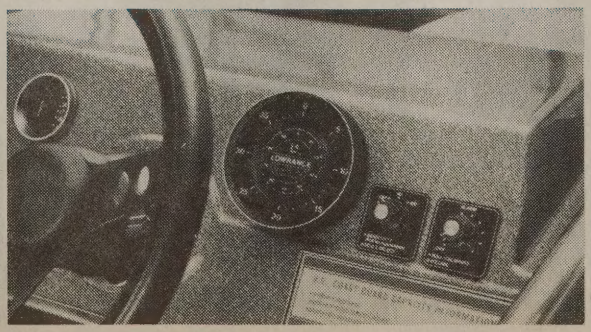

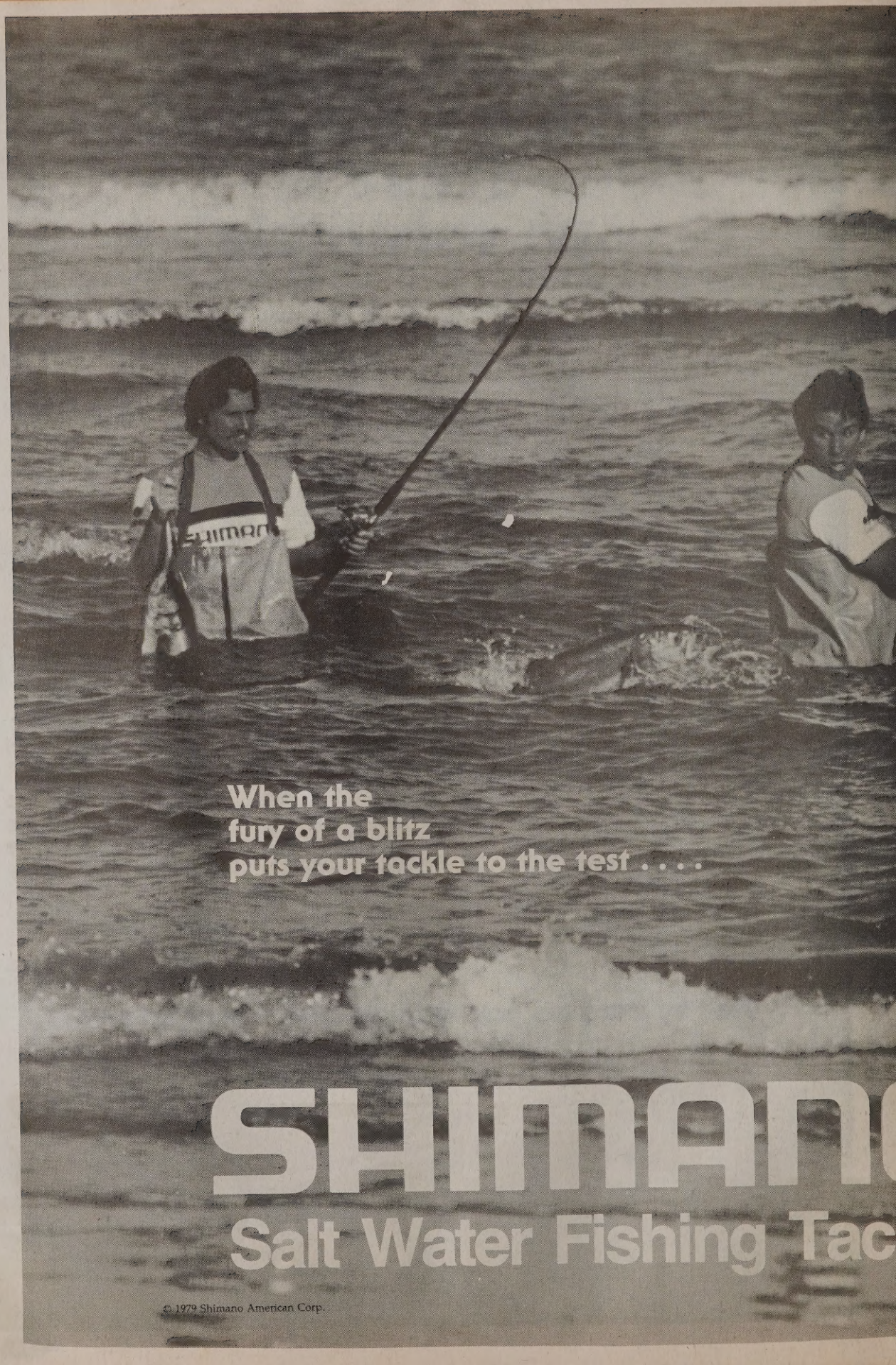

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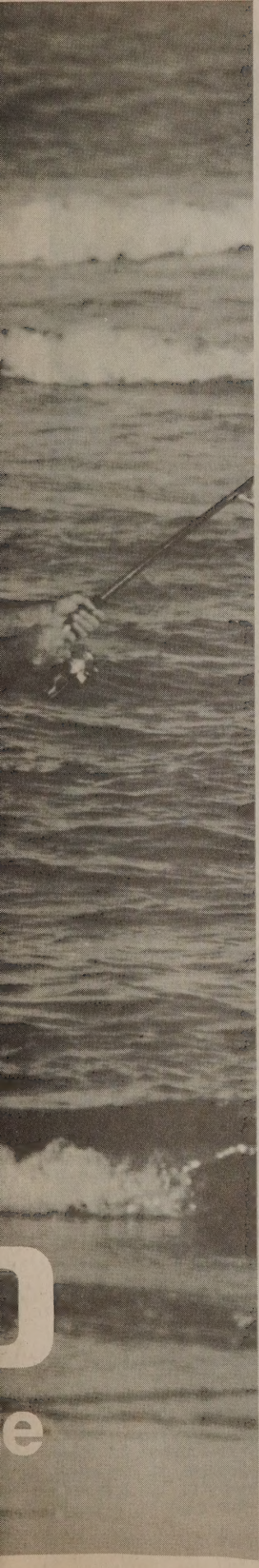

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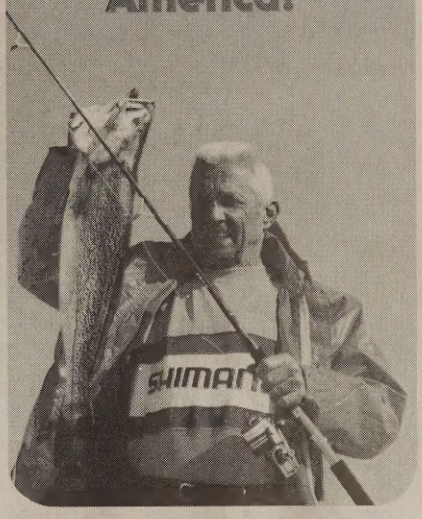

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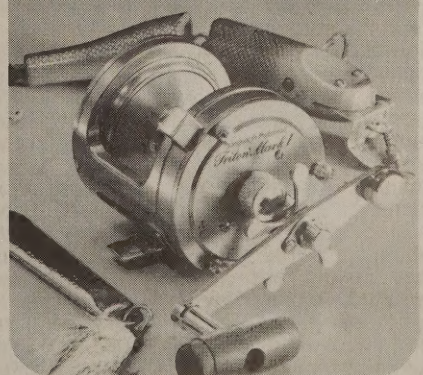

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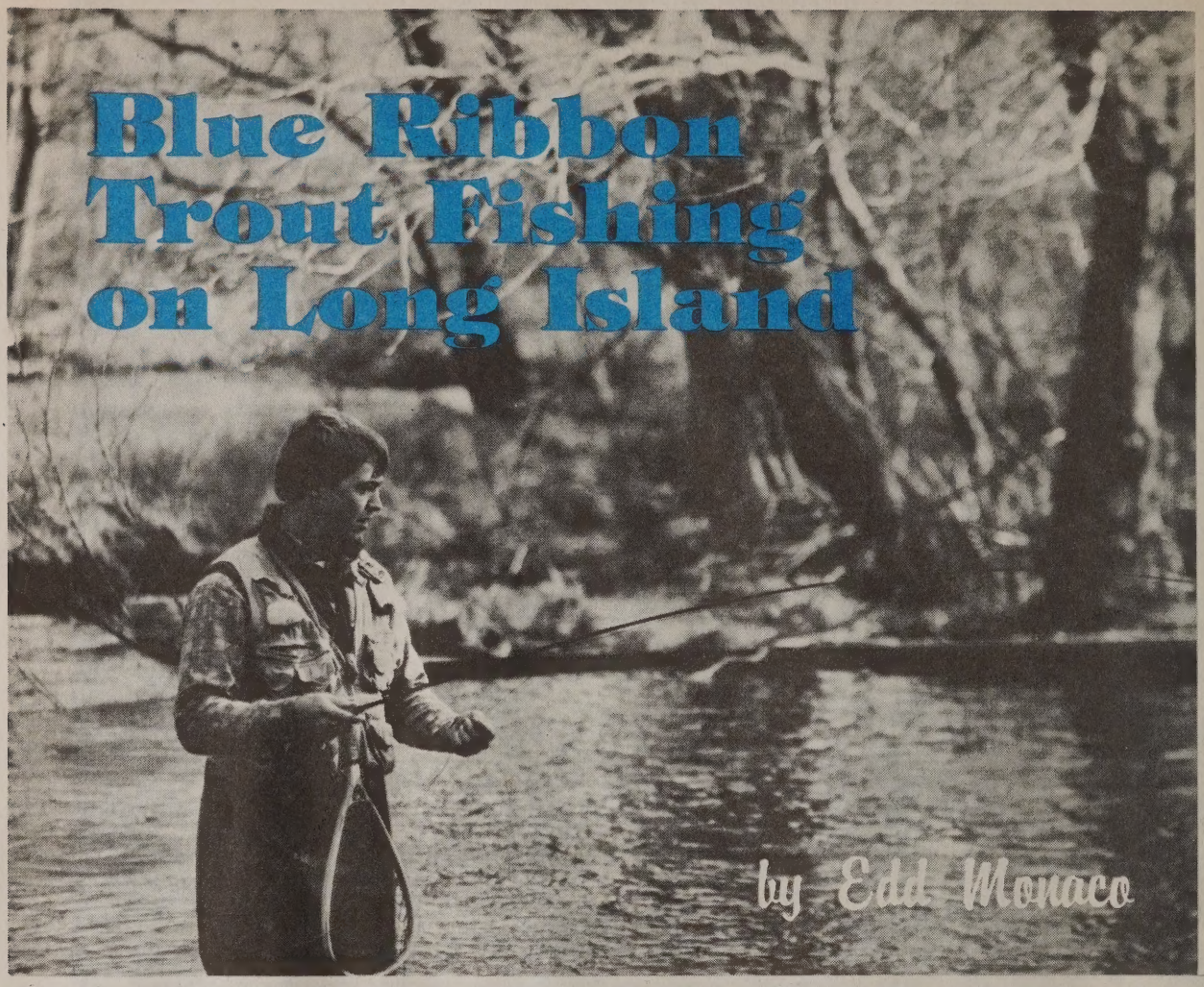

by Edd Monaco

As opening day of trout fishing approached, fishermen throughout the Metropolitan Area made plans to visit their favorite streams and ponds. Drawing on the success of seasons past, many of these hearty anglers will make the long journey to upstate rivers, in spite of the crowds, poor weather and high cost of gasoline. A few smart ones will choose to open the season right here on Long Island, at the Connetquot River State Park in Oakdale. Less than an hour's drive from New York City, it can offer the trout fisherman comparable sport and scenic delights while saving wear and tear on both the fisherman and his automobile.

The Connetquot River may be among the State's most productive trout waters, if not it's best kept secret. Due in part to its fly fishing only access and a well camouflaged entrance, the Connetquot River has received relatively mild interest from the Tri-State fly fishing community.

Traditionally, the Connetquot was part of various elite sportsmans' clubs, the most recent being the Southside Club. Catering to America's out-of-doors "uppercrust," it provided its members and guests with superb trout fishing and hunting on 3500-acres of undeveloped land. Acquired by the State of New York in 1962, the park has its own brook, brown and rainbow trout hatchery and many fine old buildings, some of which are listed on the National Historical Register. It is the river, however, that will attract the most attention on your visit this season.

Five miles of river and ponds are separated into thirty-two fishing stations, or "beats" for the visiting fly fisherman. These beats are assigned on a first come/first served basis and are usually chosen by the angler upon payment of the $5 "guest" fee. Although this permit fee may seem a little steep to some, it allows the park to be nearly self-sufficient, while most state parks are floundering in the "red." One visit is all that is needed to justify the small entrance fee, for this river may be the best trout stream in the east. Without exception, the Connetquot has produced trophy trout in every class year, some in the ten to twelve pound range. Of course, the majority of trout taken here are of a more believable size—usually one to two pounds, seldom under a pound. The reason for this abundant, well-fed trout population lies in the hands of the noble hatchery staff: they release no trout before their time. In fact, a mixed bag of stocked trout may routinely consist of fish weighing over four pounds and more than twenty inches in length.

The upper sections of the river (beats 20-32) afford the angler fine brook trout fishing for both stocked and native trout populations. The river, averaging twelve to eighteen feet in width here, may be difficult to fish because of thick brush and shrubbery. It may be necessary to wade well into the stream in order to gain ample room for backcasting, although this practice may spook more fish than would casting from the stream bank. At times, however, it may be the only way to get your fly to the trout holding in the protection of overgrown stream banks.

Beats 16-19 (the mid-section of the river) are reserved for the physically handicapped and those 65 and older. Special parking is available for these sections; details and directions are available at the main entrance. Stations 9-15 provide the fly fisherman with excellent dry fly fishing for both rainbow and brook trout. Three, four and five pound fish are not uncommon in these beats for those who fish this portion of the river regularly. Having had the opportunity to fish this area many times throughout the last few seasons, I would

rate it among the most productive of beats on the Connetquot.

The larger fish, however, seem to congregate in the lower portions of the river and it's two small ponds. As proof, in August of 1978 a brown trout of nearly thirteen pounds was taken by an angler from New Jersey; several approaching ten pounds were taken this past season by experienced and novice fly casters alike. An important point to be made here is one need not be an expert fly fisherman to have a successful day at the Connetquot. A basic knowledge of fly casting is all that is necessary to get your fly to the trout and generally this will be all that is needed to connect with a trout or two. Due to the large numbers of fish present in the stream, delicate presentation of the fly and perfect casting are not as critical to success as would be the case on many other quality trout streams. Every section of the river seems to contain one or two trout of less than average intelligence—easy prey for the novice fly fisherman.

It is important to remember, however, that fishing the Connetquot is not akin to fishing in a barrel. At times, these fish may be quite selective in their feeding, choosing flies of only a certain size, type or color—or none at all. The following information will surely help in those frustrating times.

Fly fishing techniques on any stream are determined by the type of water you are fishing (whether it be slow and deep, fast and shallow or dead still), and the time of year you plan to fish it. Early season on the Connetquot, with colder air and water temperatures prevailing, will show little surface activity from resident trout populations. Wet flies drifting just below the surface film and nymphs fished along the stream bottom will generally produce trout in most types of moving water on this river. Many fishermen cast the fly upstream, controlling the slack line as it approaches their position in the stream. A few others merely point the rod down-stream while stripping line from the reel at a pace equal to the flow of the stream. Though not nearly as effective as casting upstream, I have found this technique to be quite valuable on windy days and when fishing areas too overgrown for proper backcasting. Popular wet flies for the Connetquot include the Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear, the March Brown and the Royal Coachman, in sizes #10 to #14. Favorite nymphs, in sizes #10 to #12 may include the Damsel, Stonefly and Cahill patterns. Large streamer flies, fished along the bottom and retrieved in a jerking motion may also prove to be effective in early spring. Maribou streamers of various colors and Muddler Minnows tied #6-10 should be part of the angler's fly box at all times, as many trophy fish in the five to ten pound class have been taken on these flies. Short leaders in the seven to nine foot range with tippets 5x-3x (two to four pound) are the best choice for terminal gear.

As the weather warms, trout begin to feed on or near the surface on emerging aquatic insects. It is during this time that both trout and trout fishermen exhibit frenetic behavior. The emergence of these aquatics, known as the "hatch" will normally begin around the last week in April and last until mid-June. Unusual weather conditions may prolong the hatching of these Mayflies well into July, providing sport beyond compare for anglers fortunate enough to witness this emergence and lucky enough to have a duplicate pattern in their fly box. During times of prolific aquatic hatches, the fly fisherman enjoys the pleasures afforded to surf fishermen casting to blitzing bluefish or the beaching of a cow bass on an empty shore. For the anadromous angler, the Connetquot River may be the best choice for trout fishing this year and with luck, for many years to come.

In closing, credit must be given to Gil Bergen, Park Manager, for preserving both the integrity and pristine atmosphere of the property. Under his inspired guidance and that of the Long Island State Park Commission, a large part of primitive Long Island may be preserved for

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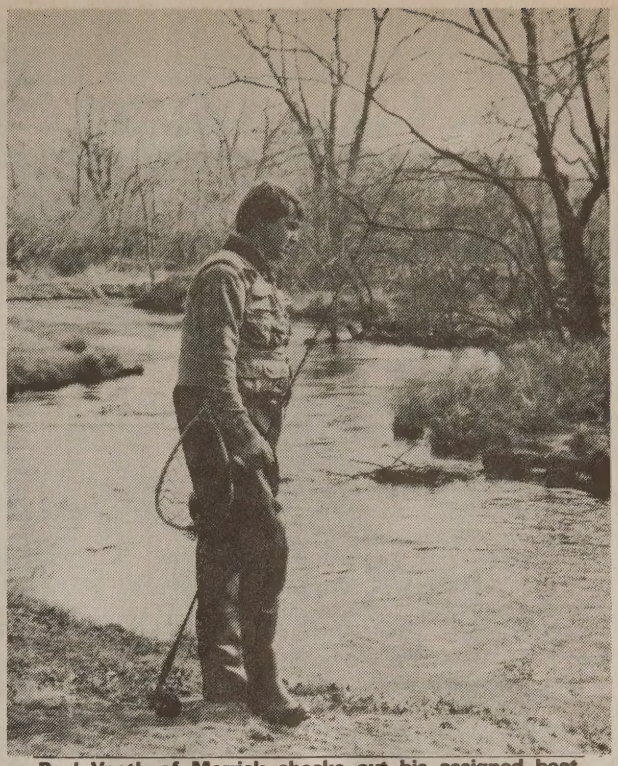
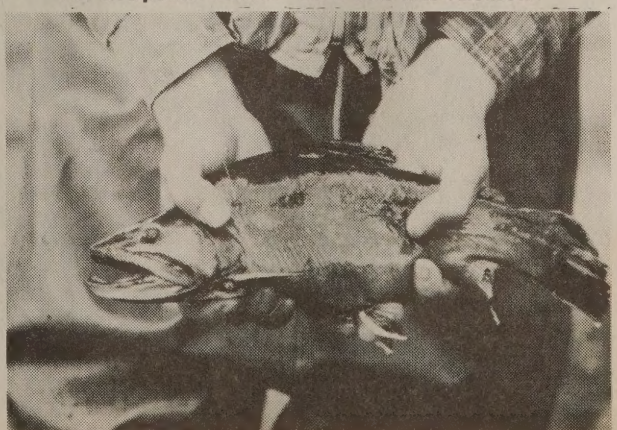


Paul Vaeth of Merrick checks out his assigned beat, looking for signs of trout that are feeding.

A two-pound rainbow trout that was released.



A brook trout of approximately three-pounds. Note the hooked lower jaw of this healthy male, indicating the spawning season and advanced age (probably 4-years). This male was released (reluctantly!), assuring more of his kind for future fresh water anglers on Long Island.

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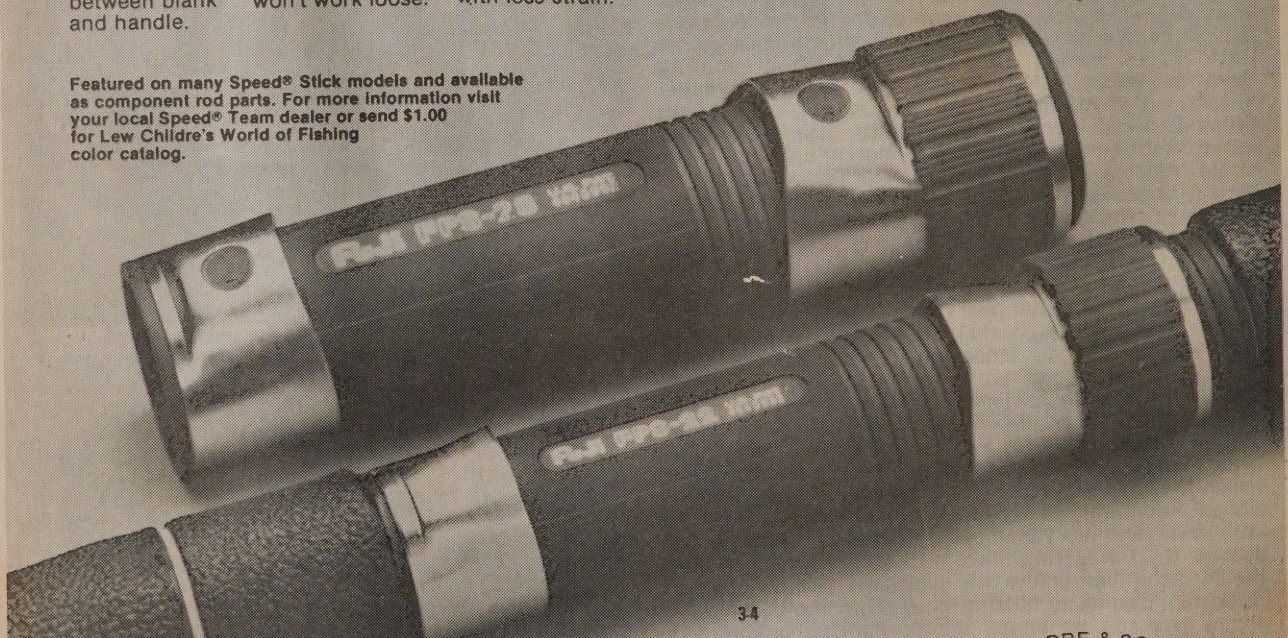

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Paul slips the net under a rainbow trout that took a March Brown wet fly.

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In order to fish the Connetquot, reservations must be made in advance (516-581-1005) for both day and time. In the early season, two fishing sessions are available: 7AM to 11AM and Noon to 4PM. A third session, lasting from 5PM until dusk, is added soon after the changeover to Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDST). Each angler will be asked to produce a current New York State fishing license before being issued a permit. There is a possession limit of three trout per angler, to be caught on flies only. For additional information on recreational programs offered at the park (nature study tours, bird-watching, cross-country skiing and bring-your-own horseback riding), the Administration Building is open from 8AM to 5PM, six days a week (closed Mondays). The Park staff is eager to assist guests of the park and often will recommend current hotspots for visiting fly fishermen.

Connetquot River State Park is located one-half mile east of the intersection of Route 27 and Route 27a, in Oakdale. Less than fifty miles from New York City, it is accessible from the Southern State Parkway (exit 44) or Sunrise Highway (Route 27).

For those fishermen who are just getting involved in fly fishing, or for those anglers who would like to get more involved, the Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Martin of Tours Church in Bethpage. These informative, entertaining meetings, which start at 7:30 p.m., often include film presentations, fly tying instruction and developments in regional conservation issues. There is no fee nor is membership required to attend these informal meetings, where the emphasis is on fly fishing and the preservation of quality waters like the Connetquot.

NATIONAL SCENE:
TUNA REGULATIONS

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and started doing something about building a fishery for the future!

Other changes this year are of lesser significance. More protection will be afforded to age 0 tuna by increasing the minimum size for seiners to nineteen pounds. The lower size limit on mediums will now be 135 pounds. Transfer at sea will be prohibited, and a sub-quota of 150 tons (about 400 giants) is proposed for northern harpooners who opt for that category—rather than participating in the larger quota. A similar sub-quota was established for charter boats last year. The commencement date of the purse seine fishery for giants is set back to September 1, and there is a prohibition against fishing within 100 yards of the corkline of a purse seine net used in NMFS scientific research. The latter is to prevent harpooning of tagged fish, as occurred in Massachusetts last year.

Try to make the April 16 hearing (7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.) at the Holiday Inn, Rt. 36, West Long Branch, N.J. If you can't, be sure to send your comments to Mr. Allen E. Peterson, Jr., Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, Federal Building, 14 Elm St., Gloucester, MA 01930. If enough concerned individuals write, there may yet be some hope for the bluefin tuna!

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THE CASE FOR A SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE

★ PART SIX ★
SUMMARY

The editorial in this issue of L.I.F. started off with the premise that nobody wants a saltwater fishing license, listing briefly the reasons most often cited by recreational fishermen for being against a license. Although L.I.F. believes that most of these reasons for being opposed to a license have merit, we went on to point out the reality of the situation as we see it: that a license is inevitable, in the near future, no matter *what* actions recreational sport fishermen take. Our stated conclusions were:

"After studying the problem at great length, and in light of recent events... We have come to the conclusion that now, for the first time, sport fishermen must actively seek to have input into what form a fishing license will take. We have come to the conclusion that if sport fishermen do not start talking seriously about a license, there will be one anyway—but instead of being a benefit that will serve to improve the quality of our sport, the license will just become another tax. We have come to the conclusion that saltwater sport fishermen have much more to lose by fighting against a license than actively seeking one. And finally, we have concluded that saltwater sport fishermen stand to gain much more by fighting for a good, well structured license than waiting to have a meaningless one shoved down our throats... So if there is going to be a license no matter what sport fishermen do at this point, as we believe it inevitable, why not shoot for the best license we can get?"

We went on to say that it is not for us at *The Fisherman* to decide that sport fishermen should actively seek to be licensed—that decision could only be made by our readership. Our responsibility lies with informing our readership as to the situation, providing our opinions and recommendations, and conveying information on the subject so that you may come to your own decision on what course of action should be taken. To present this to our readers, L.I.F. took the devil's advocate position in this series of articles under the title "The Case For A Saltwater Fishing License." At the conclusion of the series, readers would be invited to vote on the licensing issue via a postcard ballot that would be inserted in *The Fisherman.* For those of our readers who may have missed a part of this series, this week we will make a brief summary of each. Complete reprints of each part will be provided at no charge to those sending in a written request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

READERS' COMMENTS
Volume 15, Issue No. 8, February 21, 1980
—AND—
Volume 15, Issue No. 9, February 28, 1980

In these two issues L.I.F. published letters we had received in response to the editorial of February 7th. The letters ran about fifty/fifty pro and con concerning our stand, but overall we were applauded for starting a dialogue going on the licensing issue so that all viewpoints could be considered. Most readers took a wait-and-see attitude, waiting for the series to be published before making their decision.

Case For A Saltwater License—
PART ONE: *THE MODEL LICENSE*
Volume 15, Issue No. 10, March 6, 1980

In this opening part of the series, L.I.F. presented the *Model License* that we believe to be a well structured license which would provide the most benefits to recreational sport fishermen, while at the same time providing safeguards against abuses by the government bureaucracy that would administer the money collected for license fees. For the sake of readability, this Model License was not written in legalese whenever possible. The provisions of the Model License are those referred to in all the subsequent parts of the series whenever a "license" is referred to. A brief summary of the five sections of the Model License follows.

SECTION ONE:
HOW WOULD THE MRF LICENSE WORK?

Anyone who catches or lands a fish in the territorial waters (three miles seaward) of New York would be required to have a license, except: minors less than 16, those who have attained the age of 65, members of the Armed Forces, and those fishing from a boat or facility which is covered by a "blanket" license. A "blanket" license would be purchased by open boats, charter boats, and boat rental liveries (rowboat stations). Passengers on vessels covered by a "blanket" license would be permitted to catch fish without an individual license. This would protect those businesses from losing the "occasional" fisherman who might otherwise not go fishing if required to be licensed.

The annual fee for the MRF License would be $6.00, plus $.50 for the issuing clerk. Licensing could be purchased at any bait and tackle shop, boat livery station, marina, or any other fishing facility that wishes to become an official issuing clerk. Blanket license fees would be $50 for a six-man charter boat, up to $200 for an open boat, and between $10 and $20 for a rental boat. Non-residents would be required to purchase a non-resident license for $25, unless anglers from New York were allowed to fish in the waters of their state without being licensed. (Reciprocity.)

SECTION TWO:
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE LICENSE FEES?

A special fund would be set up, called the *Marine Recreational Fisheries Fund* (MRF Fund). All monies collected by the state for MRF license fees *MUST* be deposited directly into this special fund, in addition to any "matching funds" the State receives from the Federal government, including any monies received under the Dingell/Johnson Act. This section would prevent, *by law*, the money from being placed into the State's general fund to be used for other purposes.

SECTION THREE:
HOW WOULD THE MRF FUND BE SPENT?

Monies will be disbursed from the MRF Fund according to the following budgeted formula:

Facility Development & Acquisition	**70%**
Investigations & Management	**10%**
Enforcement	**8%**
Administration	**7%**
Education & Information	**5%**
TOTAL	***100***

No money could be spent from the MRF Fund for facilities or personnel that were being used by the Department of Environmental Conservation, or other state agency, before the implementation of a *Marine Recreational Fishing License*. Nor could money from the MRF Fund be used for any programs that are mandated on the state by the Federal government that the state would have to participate in whether there was a license or not.

SECTION FOUR:
WHO WOULD DECIDE WHAT THE MRF FUND WILL BE SPENT ON?

This section would establish the *Marine Fisheries Council*, which would consist of seven private citizens who are competent and capable of representing marine recreational fishing interests. Nominees must be certified for competence in writing by one of the following organizations: the International Game Fish Association, the Sport Fishing Institute, the National Coalition for Marine Conservation, or the American League of Anglers. Members of the Council will serve without compensation or pay, except for travel expenses to meetings. The formation of this Council has been set up in a manner that will prevent its members from being political appointees.

SECTION FIVE:
WHAT WILL BE THE MRF COUNCIL'S FUNCTION?

The Marine Recreational Fisheries Council will decide, by a majority vote, what facilities will be built with the seventy percent of the monies collected that have been budgeted for this purpose. These facilities would include: ocean and inshore fishing piers, artificial fishing reefs, boat launching ramps, public docking facilities, buoy systems and other aids to navigation, and the development and maintenance of any other facilities that the Council deems necessary to enhance recreational sport fishing in New York. The Council will also acquire lands needed as access for recreational fishing and examine, consider and make recommendations to the Director of the DEC in any matters pertaining to the conservation and management of our fisheries resources. The Council would also make recommendations to the Director for any rules and regulations that it deems necessary for the proper operation of an effective marine fisheries program for the State.

Case For A Saltwater License—
PART TWO: *CONSIDERATIONS*
Volume 15, Issue No. 11, March 13, 1980

This part consisted of a reprint of the text of a speech given by L.I.F. Editor Scott Simons at the Fourth Annual *Marine Recreational Fisheries Symposium* held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, last May. The Fourth Session, Panel IV of the Symposium was on *"The Marine Recreational Fishing License,"* and the viewpoint Scott was asked to address was "The Angler's View of a MRF License." The lengthy presentation was reprinted in its entirety and ran five pages in length. First the present public fishing facilities in New York are examined: four launch ramps with access to saltwater (compared to 167 with access to freshwater), two artificial fishing reefs, three public fishing piers, fishing permitted from only one bridge, and very limited fishing access to beaches in State Parks. Despite the immensity of the recreational fishing industry, which raises more than $16 million a year in revenues for the state in sales taxes alone, the state is spending less than four-and-a-half cents per angler annually on marine finfish programs, and budgets no money for recreational fishing facilities.

The paper goes on to outline what marine recreational fishermen in New York State stand to gain by being licensed: improved fishing facilities, more fishing access, an improved fishery through proper management, protection from commercial fishing interests, and the political influence necessary to make all these things a reality.

Case For A Saltwater License—
PART THREE: *WHY IS A LICENSE INEVITABLE?*
Volume 15, Issue No. 12. March 20, 1980

In this part of the series the inevitability of saltwater sport fishermen being licensed is examined. It starts off with a partial reprint of the February 7th editorial, followed by the publication of four letters that give credence to the conclusions we have reached and to demonstrate that L.I.F. is not alone in these conclusions. Short excepts from these letters are:

Richard Stroud, Executive Vice-President of the *Sport Fishing Institute*, based in Washington, D.C.: *"We believe strongly that the time is fast upon us when marine sport fishermen must be willing to stand up and be counted. We are convinced that, as fishery plans are developed and harvestable surpluses are allocated, anglers will be counted in—if licensed, or counted out—if not. We believe that is the simple challenge to which anglers must respond."*

Christopher M. Weld, Executive Director, *National Coalition for Marine Conservation*, based in Boston, Massachusetts: *"A year ago the directors of the National Coalition for Marine Conservation adopted a resolution favoring uniform state licensing of recreational fishermen...Despite widespread criticism and continuous reflection over the intervening year, I am convinced that our directors were right and the reasons for that decision are more valid than ever...The costs of running state recreational fishing programs have gone up [and] state legislatures are becoming increasingly reluctant to meet the cost of recreational fishing programs...In this climate it is unrealistic to expect fish and wildlife programs to compete successfully for the legislative dollar. It is only logical to expect that funds for recreational fishing programs will be increasingly difficult to come by...I commend L.I.F. for its responsible and courageous treatment of this issue."*

Henry Lyman, Publisher, *Salt Water Sportsman* magazine, Boston, Massachusetts: *"I agree with your approach to this very emotional issue one hundred percent. If fishermen do not get together to insist that any marine angling license funds be earmarked for improvement in our fishing, the bureaucrats and politicians will force a bill down our throats without any thought whatsoever for the fisheries...anglers MUST participate right now in forming policy concerning establishment of a license program. There is no question whatsoever that some sort of licensing program is coming in the future and we should all work together to ensure that the final product is what we want—not what some faceless governmental featherbedder wants."*

Elwood K. Harry, President, *International Game Fish Association*, Fort Lauderdale, Florida: *"I have listened to all the arguments for and against this type of license, and I have also reviewed the various state proposals and their regulations where a license is in effect. I do believe that some form of licensing is inevitable whether the*

anglers like it or not. Accepting the inevitability of a license, it would seem that the effort of the anglers should be to work closely with their state government agencies and their legislatures to ensure that the regulations are in the best interest of the angling community...Many of the needed projects will not be met unless the states initiate the effort, and it has been proven that the states will not include these amounts of money in their regular budgets. Great improvements can be effected in behalf of the saltwater anglers if the regulations are properly drawn up and the moneys channeled into the proper projects...The proper use of license funds could help the saltwater angler immeasurably. It would provide ongoing funds that otherwise would not accrue to the anglers' benefit.''

Part Three concluded with a hypothetical example of why a license is inevitable because once a single state enacts a saltwater license, the others must quickly follow to protect their own residents. If New Jersey is the first to get a license, New York will be right behind it...followed by Connecticut, Rhode Island, etc. A license is also the first necessary step towards recreational fishermen achieving the political clout that will allow us to deal with the commercial fishing industry on an equal footing.

Case For A Saltwater License—
PART FOUR: *WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE MONEY?*
Volume 15, Issue No. 13, March 27, 1980

This part explains in depth the safeguards that have been written into the Model License to prevent the state government from wasting the monies collected from license fees on needless projects, or putting it into the general fund where it could be spent for other purposes. The Model License establishes the *Marine Recreational Fisheries Fund*, in which license fees must be deposited directly. Dingell/Johnson money and other matching funds received from the Federal government must also be desposited into the special MRF Fund.

To prevent a large portion of the MRF Fund from being used for administrative purposes, enforcement, or no-show jobs for political hacks, the Model License has a formula budget on which the money will be disbursed on a percentage basis for specific purposes. For example, a full seventy percent of the MRF Fund will be spent on obtaining access for fishing and constructing recreational fishing facilities such as artificial fishing reefs, boat launching ramps, fishing piers, public docking facilities and catwalks on bridges. The state would also be prevented from using MRF Funds for programs that have been mandated on it by the Federal government which the state would have to fulfill whether there was a license in effect or not.

The Model License also establishes a *Marine Recreational Fisheries Council* that will consist of seven individuals who will be the watchdogs on how the MRF Funds will be spent. The Council would have the authority to approve all projects that MRF Funds would be spent on. The Council would decide the locations of where facilities such as artificial reefs and launching ramps would be constructed, and without its approval the state could not spend money on a project. To prevent the members of the Council from being political appointees, each nominee must be certified in writing by a national sport fishing organization to be competent and capable of representing the interests of the sport fishing community. Part Four also points out that the Model License *does not* give the Department of Environmental Conservation regulatory powers to implement rules and regulations without going through the legislative process. So fears that a license will automatically mean new size limits, bag limits and seasons when recreational fishermen could catch fish are unfounded. To take any of these actions the DEC would have to go through the same legislative process that it does at the present time, and the license would not change this.

Case For A Saltwater License—
PART FIVE: *POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS*
Volume 15, Issue No. 14, April 3, 1980

This segment of the series concentrates on what is happening now, and what will take place in the future, because recreational sport fishermen *are not* licensed at the present time. It explains how the 200-Mile Limit has resulted in the domestic commercial fishing industry becoming a well organized, extremely effective lobby that has almost completely taken control of the Regional Management Councils, and now has the National Marine Fisheries Service dancing to its tune. Meanwhile, recreational sport fishermen are completely unorganized and have very little influence, which has allowed the commercial fishing industry to write its own ticket while the needs of recreational fishermen have been ignored. *''Nothing is being done to prevent this rapid growth in the commercial fishery from destroying recreational fishing—which it unquestionably will if the present trends continue...If we don't face the realities of what is happening, and put aside our emotions and begin to participate in the political process to protect our rights as sport fishermen from both government interference and commercial fishing interests, we will ultimately lose the enjoyment that recreational sport fishing affords us—because either there will no longer be any fish to catch or we will be prevented by government regulations from fishing for those that remain.''*

This concludes the series ''The Case For A Saltwater Fishing License.'' Readers are now invited to send in their comments and questions, and we will answer as many as possible in the next few weeks. Please keep your comments short and concise whenever possible. After all viewpoints have been fully aired, readers will then be invited to vote via a postcard ballot that will be inserted into a future issue of The Long Island Fisherman sometime in May—hopefully, you will heed our advice and opt for a beneficial license *now*, rather than a disastrous one at some future date. If not, *comme si, comme ca...*

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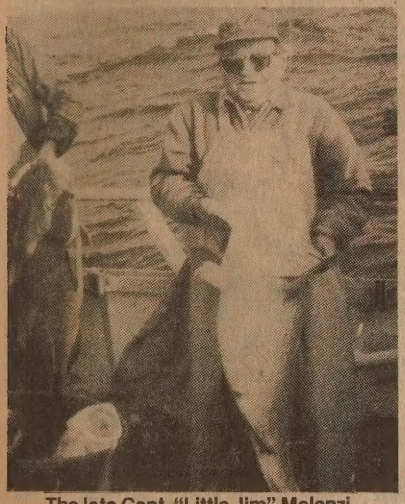

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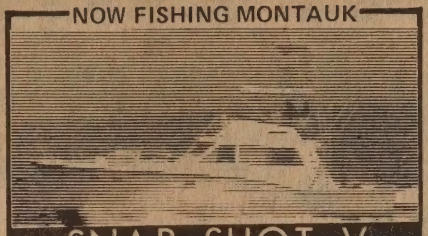

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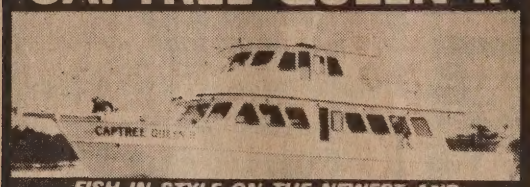

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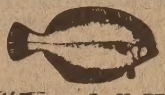

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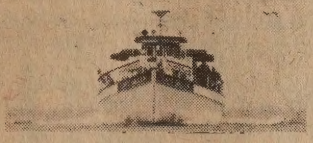

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Capt. Joe McBride of the charterboat **My-Mate** called and asked us to let you know that he will be sailing again starting May 1st. See ad for details.

Capt. Paul Sundberg of the chartberboat **Big Blue** stopped in to tell us that he's been catching big cod and pollack on the CIA Grounds with Bridgeport diamond jigs doing nicely on the pollack with cod hitting both jigs or clam bait. All fish are 20 lbs. plus. Most of the catch has consisted of jigged pollack. Sunday's trip for two anglers resulted in 12 pollack and 2 cod all over 20 lbs. Paul says he has several choice dates available.

Capt. Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** asked us to let you know that he has started sailing and is on a 6 a.m. daily basis but will be sailing earlier on weekends. Buddy tells us the reports are very good for mixed cod and pollack, catches being mostly cod and mostly big fish. Productive areas right now are Cartwright and due south there of.

The Viking Fleet reports that the *Starship* fishing the Dry Tortugas out of Key West is still catching like crazy and the boat and skipper Paul Forsberg will be back at Montauk around May 20 to start the Nantucket wreck trips going.

Locally, the *Viking Star* has been having a much improved picture on cod and pollack with many of the fish well over 20 lbs. Starting this year, Captain Paul B. Forsberg, son of skipper Paul G. Forsberg, will be taking over the running of the *Viking Starlite* which will be running both open and charter this year, featuring large spring charters taking up to 65 passengers. His night phone number is 516-668-9436. Watch ad for details.

Maureen at *Gone Fishing Marina* tells us there are good flounder catches being made in Lake Montauk with fish averaging 1½ to 2 lbs., running up to 3 lbs. with clam working best.

Twelve pollack and 2 cod, all in the 20-lb. class, that were caught aboard the charterboat *BIG BLUE* at Montauk by Joe Chadi and partner Gary.

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the **Capt. Clark II** reports good flounder fishing on Friday despite the weather. Saturday's action slowed down due to the 30 mph winds. Sunday's fishing picked up nicely with several flounder going up to 2 lbs. Both mussels and worms were effective. The **Capt. Clark II** will be working Flanders Bay in Peconic and start fishing Eastern Peconic as the water warms.

Thom at **Speck's Bait & Tackle** said that flounder fishing was very good over the weekend. Among the scores he had to report was a catch made by Arant and Evan Humphreys, George Albee and himself on Sunday. Fishing Noyac Bay the group of anglers took 30 flounder in ¾ to 1 lb. class on clams and worms. Thom emphasized that chumming is important. They fished in Noyac Bay. From the Three Mile Harbor area, Al Hoffman, Tony DeMonte and Charlie DeMonte stopped by with over 50 flounder up to 1¼ lbs. taken on mussels. All of their fish were taken on the ebb tide. Thom also knew of some good scores made in Tiana Bay and Nepeague Bay over the weekend. Worms and clams produced well in these areas.

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The word from **Corr's Fishing Station** was that most boats found their best action over the weekend at the mouth of the Headys Creek. One boat returned with 40 keepers. They used worms and chummed with mussels. Clam chum worked for other anglers. For shorefishermen, the Shinnecock canal was producing a fair amount of fish on Sunday.

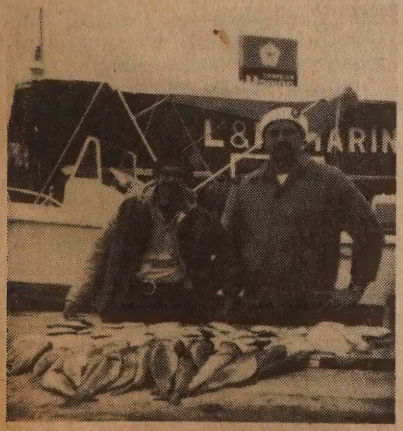
MORICHES BAY

Larry at **L&M Marine** in East Moriches called to report fishing generally very very good. The flounder have moved out into the bay and very good catches are being made at buoys 42 and 43. A party consisting of Ron Raynor, Ron Ott and Vinny Hopke of Manorville bagged 300 flounder from 1 to 2 lbs. fishing just north of buoy 42. All fish were keepers. Mussel chum with blood and sand worms on the hook did the trick.

"Excellent" flounder fishing was the word from **Skidmore's Fishing Station.** The fish have moved up into the bay with the best action now in the buoy 42-43 area. On Saturday Joe Berecz and Mike and George Speros fished buoy 44 and returned with 90 keepers using worms and mussel chum. On Sunday the area of northeast of Buoy 42 produced some super fishing but not until late in the day. Boats that stuck it out late took 40 to 50 fish apiece on the afternoon tide and these were all real nice fish. Red dyed clams seem to be producing the bigger fish.

At **Tadsens Fishing Station** the word was of pretty good flounder fishing with the throwback ratio still about 50-50. The fish are definitely working west and closer to the station giving customers a shorter run to the fishing grounds. Worms and mussel chum work best.

From the **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** we again received confirmation that the fish have moved up into the



Rod Gruler of centereach and Pat Schultz of Bayshore with 40 tommy cod they caught at buoy 7A and 65 flounder at buoy 5 in Moriches Bay chumming heavily and uses bloodworms for bait. **Photo courtesy of L&M Marine.**

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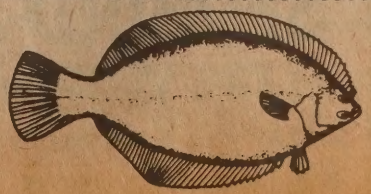

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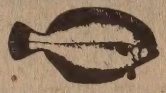

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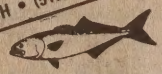

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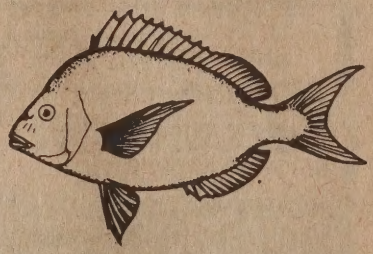

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bay with the buoy 42 area producing best. Despite the wind on Friday and Saturday some boats still managed to return with 50 to 60 keepers. Both worms and clams have been effective baits and mussel chum is essential to score big.

Seatuck Cove Fishing Station in Eastport reported that Friday and Saturday were weathered out but on Sunday good catches were the rule. Andy told us that the area south of buoy 45 produced a number of fine catches for anglers using red dyed clams, worms and mussel chum. One such catch was made by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Franklin and their children Cindy and Bobby. They totaled 74 keepers near buoy 45 using worms and mussel chum on Sunday. They found incoming tide produced best.

Cheryl of **Westhampton Marine Supply** reported a catch of 16 flounder for Charles Cheng on Sunday. Charlie told Cheryl that he took the fish in less than an hour from the bridge on Jessups Lane. He used sandworms for bait. Cheryl said that they did a big business with worms over the weekend and she suspected that the flounder fishing must have been pretty decent judging by their bait sales.

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Gary from **Stiriz Fishing Station** reported that the wind which turned up the bay pretty good late last week slowed things up somewhat. When the weather is decent though catches of 25 to 30 big fish per boat are about average. Mussel chum greatly improves catches and worms along with mussels toughened by steaming worked equally well. Gary mentioned buoys 19, 20, 9 and 10 as having produced good scores in recent days.

SAYVILLE

Bob Lee of **Young's Fishing Station** called to report good flounder fishing off of Barrett Beach, The Pines, Cherry Grove and Heckscher Park. Bill Schovanec and Dick Emanovsky took 39 flatties on worms and mussel chum in the Heckscher area on Sunday. They fished along the edge of the channel in 12 to 15 feet of water and had fish to 1½ lbs. Bob also added for those interested that a decent population of white perch are still present in the Browns River. Worms or live killies will take these tasty fish.

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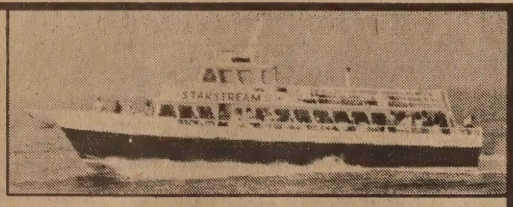

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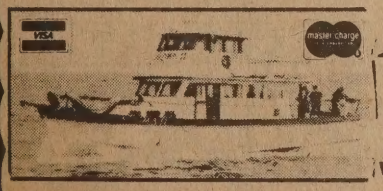

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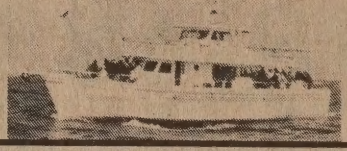

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Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** used "pretty good" to describe the flounder fishing in Great South Bay. Best action has been in the Davis Park-Fire Island Pines Area with sandworms, clams and mussel chum all being used to take fish. Last Thursday Bill Green and Mike Cunningham took 62 flounder some over 2 lbs. off of Barrett Beach. The pair fished up on the flats in 4 feet of water.

EAST ISLIP

Wally at **Buoy 2 Sports Shop** reports that the buoy 2 and 4 area continues to produce flounder although all of last week's unsettled weather seemed to slow things down. Worms and clams along with heavy chumming and stirring the bottom is still accounting for some good scores. The fish are anywhere from ¾ to 2 lbs.

BAY SHORE

Carl from **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** said that buoy 2 continues to provide good flounder fishing for anglers using clams, worms and mussel chum. Pete, Freddie, Tommy and Rick all members of the Surfside 3 Tuna Club, took 36 fish in less than 2 hours time in this area on Sunday. Biggest of the catch checked in at 1½ lbs. On Wednesday of last week Carl's children Richie and Stacey along with Jeff Miller fished buoy 2 and the Bay Shore flats with worms and mussels and wound up with 30 nice sized flatties. Carl asked us to remind readers that he is running a flounder contest with the top prize being a custom made flounder rod. A 1 lb. 14 oz. flatfish currently leads the pack.

Rich Klein called for the **Casey Lee** to report that flounder fishing was pretty tough all week but improved noticeably on Sunday when fares averaged 8 to 15 nice flatties apiece. The boat has been fishing the Bay Shore-West Channel area and each day sees a pool fish running 2 lbs. plus. Average size is ¾ to 1¼ lbs. Worms and clams have been equally effective.

CAPTREE

The **Capt. Eddie B II** reports a tough day Saturday on flounder due to winds but even so in the afternoon things picked up a bit. The boat will be running afternoon weakfish charters very shortly as soon as the weaks come in and Eddie suggests that you make your reservations for these popular trips early.

Charterboat **Capt. Leo** asked us to let you know that he will be starting the season off Thursday with flounders in his gun sights and that he has several choice open dates available. See ad for details.

Capt. Marty of the **Jib vi** reports that on Sunday Sam, Marty and Judy Felix of Brooklyn had over 60 keeper flounder. There were over 300 flounder caught for the day aboard the boat, a vast improvement over Saturday's slow action. Marty worked the area off the Islip flats

with clam and worm bait and fish were caught on both tides.

Capt. Speedy Hubert reported that flounder fishing had slowed the past few days but it appeared to have picked up on Sunday. Aboard the **Speedy VII** a number of fares averaged from 10 to 15 flatties apiece. Both clams and worms have been effective and Speedy said most action is still in the vicinity of Heckscher Park and buoy 2. He also asked us to remind readers that he will not be sailing weekdays as they cartering to commuters during the transit strike. Weekday sailings will be resumed whenever the strike ends.

The open boat **Capt. Gillen** described the flounder fishing in the area as picky but the fish that are being taken are all good sized. Clams and mussels have been accounting for the most action and the buoy 8 and 10 area has been productive in recent days.

Capt. Richie Westerlind of the open boat **Capt. Richie** has been fishing the Heckscher Park area and despite all of the wind and rain last week has still been managing to average 4 to 5 fish a man. Fishing should improve again as soon as things settle down. Best fishing on Sunday was on the Flats in 5 to 6 feet of water with clams and worms. Mrs. Litwin of the **Capt. Litwin** called to report that Patrick Curran of Farmingville won the weekly dock pool with a flounder over 2 lbs. taken aboard their boat. This was the second week in a row the pool fish was taken aboard the **Capt. Ben Litwin**.

From the **Captree Bait Station**, Noel reported some good sized flounder being taken at the Captree Overlook Pier on worms and mussels. He added that the Jones Beach Piers have also been productive but the flatties there have been on the small side.

The *Captree Queen II* tells of mixed flounder results all week long. Early in the week catches ran from 12-18 keepers a man. Friday and Saturday was off due to the fierce winds. Easter Sunday, 20 fares decked roughly 150 keeper flounder of nice size. Captain Gordon says that the fish are everywhere you go, with no one spot holding a big concentration of fish. Catches are being made on clam, mussel and worm.

BABYLON

Maragaret from **Charlie's Fishing Station** said that fishing is pretty good when the weather cooperates. Clams and worms with corn or mussel chum have been accounting for some decent scores off of Burgen Point. Tad Picker had over 50 flatties on worms and clams in the East-West Channel off of Bergin Point.

From the **HiHook Fishing Station** we received confirmation of good

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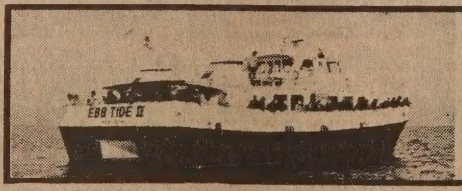

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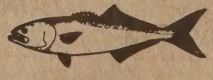

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SEAFORD

Pop's Fishing Station reported good fishing on Sunday. The nice weather was a definite asset after Friday's rain and Saturday's wind. Massapequa Cove and Buoys 13 and 14 have been the most productive spots for anglers using worms, clams and heavy mussel chum. On Sunday, James Flood and a friend, both from Brooklyn fished the in-

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coming tide and took 68 flatties from ¾ up to 2 lbs. 5 oz.

Pete from **Uncle Hermie's Fishing Station** had a couple of fine catches to report for the weekend. Ted Kluzynski and his two children fished the first bridge on Sunday to take 35 keeper flounder on worm bait. Mr. Khachu, Joey and Anthony had 24 nice flatties on worms and clams that they took in Massapequa Cove. Both corn and mussels are effective as chum. Clams and worms equally effective in the bait department. The station awarded an Easter basket full of goodies to the angler taking the biggest flounder on Sunday. He left in such a rush to make dinner that he failed to leave his name.

BELLMORE

Scott of **Merrick Tackle** had some news for trout fans. Some customers fished the Connetquot River Park during the opening week of the season and scored with some nice trout on Mickey fin and blacknosed dace streamers. As far as the flounder fishing is concerned, Scott described it as fair but did say the fish are getting thicker. Worms and clams both take fish and mussel and clam chum are also effective.

MERRICK

Jimmy Boulukos of **Nick's Fishing Station** said that Saturday was a blow out but that on Sunday flounder fans found good fishing in Ned's Creek, Broad Creek, and the beginning of Rowboat Alley. Catches ranged anywhere from 25 to 60 fish per boat. These fish were all in the ¾ to 1¾ lb. range and were taken on worms and mussels with corn and mussel chum.

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Capt. Sy Karlan of the **Blue Fin Fleet** tells us that he will be bringing the brand new Blue Fin into his slip any day now and he will announce the winner of his contest shortly thereafter. The **Blue Fin II** skippered by Capt. Tony DeLernia had a group out Saturday and did well on flounder. The pool winner was Danny Rotella of Huntington. High hook was Tom Ahrensfeld of Westchester. Catches were on yellow dyed clam.

The **Capt. Hall** reports a high hook of 13 good sized flounder on Saturday's trip with fish averaging

¾ to 1 lb. honest weight, all caught in local Freeport waters on worm and clam bait.

The **Aloma II** reports though Satuday was spotty, fish were caught to the tune of 5 to 15 good keepers a man working the back creeks. Thursday and Friday 14 fares per day turned in catches up to 20 keepers a man, fish up to 2 lbs. The fish are now hitting stronger, having lost their icey water sluggishness.

The **Miss Freeport II** reported good catches of flounder Saturday even in the high winds. Thirty keepers were high hook and catches average approximately 15 keepers a man on worm and mussel bait with outgoing tide working best. Sunday's fishing was fair and weekday trips were what Capt. Tony called very good. Fishing was done in local creeks and channels.

The **Capt. Lou III** tells of a good flounder week and weekend. High hooks during the week ranged in the mid twenties and tipped the scales at 2½ lb. fish. Though Saturday was blustery scores were okay with the last drop saving the day. Mike says the fish are getting livelier and should build with warmer weather. Sunday's fishing was good also with high hook in the low 20s. Catches are being made on both tides with worm, mussel and clam baits.

Capt. Gary Smith of the charterboat **Thalassomania** called to say that despite strong gusty winds on Saturday he managed to take 40 flounder in the ½ to 1 lb. range on worms and clams in Merrick Bay. The Capt. said that best scores are made with heavy mussel or clam chum.

Bob at **Hook Line & Sinker Bait & Tackle** described the fishing in the back bay areas as "picky". The action as Squaw Island has been much better than the back bays. One customer fishing aboard an open boat took a flounder over 2 lbs. and still lost out on the pool. Bob said that sands and bloods are both effective, mussel chum is a big plus and glow painted sinkers seem to provide the best action.

POINT LOOKOUT

marilyn at *Ed's Fishing Station* called to say that the flounder picture improved up through Thursday with the big winds moving in Friday and Saturday. Sunday good catches picked up again. Best areas are the flats on the north side of Reynolds Channel, Reynolds Channel buoys 16 and 18 and at the golf course on the right side of the channel. Len Cohen of Kew Gardens bagged 40 keeper flounder at buoy 17 with many in the 1 lb. class on mussel and worm. Fundy is also producing. Incoming has been best.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** said that in Saturday's wind fishing was okay but it was much better on Sunday. Fish are being taken in the

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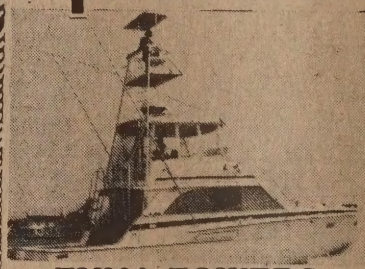

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channel on worms and mussel chum and are running anywhere from ½ to 1½ lbs. The big excitement over the weekend was created over a 12 foot long beluga whale which entertained dock goers for nearly two hours while frolicking in the channel.

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Capt. Clem of the **Commodore** had slow floundering Tuesday but Wednesday and Thursday, were super. Ira Kitograd of Oceanside on Thursday had 38 keepers. Saturday was a poor day due to the high winds. Sunday's catch was very good with Canarsie sharpie Tom Rupp bagging 40 keeper flounders out of a total of 50 fish. Sunday's 25 customers averaged 20 to 25 keepers each and Clem said that fish were all around the bay. The two Baluga whales roughly 20 feet long and grayish white in color have been around the Island Park area and Garretts Lead this past week and have been nuzzeling around the boat. Fares have actually have been able to lean over and pet them. The flounder catches were made on clam, mussel and worm and fish are running ¾ to 1¼ lbs.

LONG BEACH

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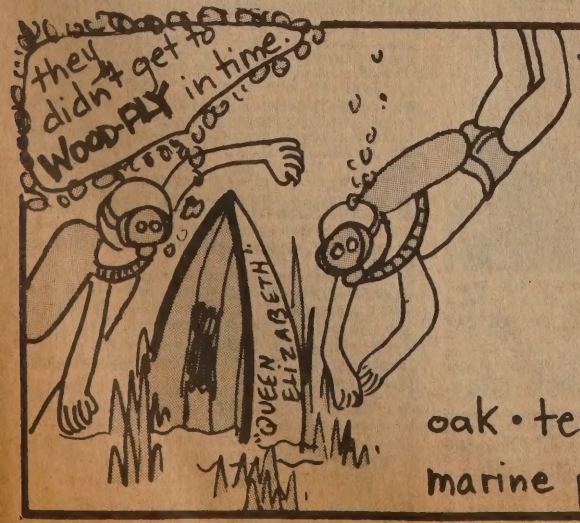

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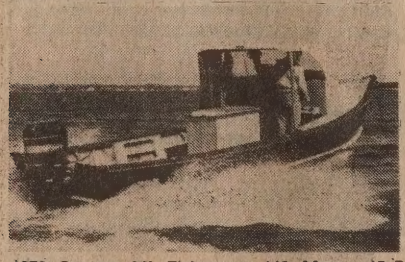

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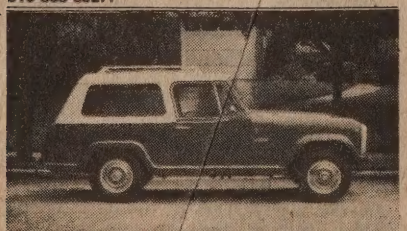

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Floyd of **Seaman's Bait** reported that shorecasters have been finding good flounder fishing behind TSS. Fish are being taken on worms and mussels and run from ½ to 1 lb. Some individual scores ran as high as 25 to 30 flatties.

JAMAICA BAY

John at **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** told us of lots of action at the North and South Bridges and for boatmen at Silver Hole. Fish are nice sized, averaging ¾ to 1 lb. with some fish running up to 2 lbs. Worms, mussels and clams are all good baits with mussels doubling as an effective chum.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Walter of the **Flamingo III** tells of good flounder fishing Saturday and excellent floundering Sunday, working the Navesink/Shrewsbury River. Sizes are mixed, from midgets to mediums to biggies with lots of action. Roughly half the fish are keepers and they are hitting the mussels, worms and clam, clam working best. Action is on both tides with the best around both slack waters, to the tune of 15 to 35 keepers a man.

Captain Tom of the **Pilot II** reported super flounder fishing on Easter Sunday. Fish averaged 3/4 lbs. and ranged from 1/2 to a pool fish of 2 lbs. Catches ran from 15-40 fish per person taken on clam; worm or mussel in the Navesink River. Saturday's fishing wasn't quite as good because of the winds. Catches ranged from 10-20 fish per person.

Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** enjoyed very good flounder fishing in the mouth of the Navesink. The beautiful weather on Sunday along with plenty of fat flounder made the day perfect for many anglers. Catches ran from 25-50 fish per person and pool fish ran up to 2¼ lbs., the bigger fish taking clams.

The **Dorothy B** had super flounder fishing all week fishing Sandy Hook, Shrewsbury and Raritan. Catches of 30-40 fish were common taken on worms, mussels and clams. On Saturday the wind made fishing tough but high hook did manage 29 nice keeper flounder.

Sal at **Stella Maris Fishing Station** said that flounders are getting most of the attention now with Manhattan Beach, Silver Hole and the Cross Bay Bridges providing the most action. Fish are mixed in size and being taken on worms, clams and mussels. Sal knew that some blackfish are beginning to show on the wrecks.

STATEN ISLAND

From **Santos Sport Shop** Lenny told us that pier 17, the South Beach Storm sewers and Princess Bay have all been surrendering good catches of flounder in the ½ to ¾ lb. class. Occasionally some fish over 1 lb. put in an appearance. Either sandworms or bloodworms take the fish. A few bass up to 7 lbs. taken in the area on worms meant for flounders. Lenny figures another two weeks before any steady bass action.

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GREENPORT

AP White Bait Shop was anxious to tell us about the great catch made by the **Peconic Star** on Saturday, when 15 fares decked over 700 keeper flounders, mainly 1 to 1½ lb. fish. There was also a local charter-baot that had 160 keeper flounder the same day. All these catches were made at East Marion and Cedar Beach inshore of Bug Light. Catches were made on sands, bloods and mussel and Artie says the flounder is looking very good.

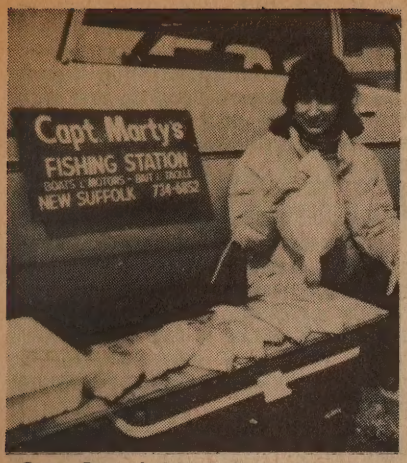
Capt. Bob of the **Peconic Star** called to say that he had over 700 keeper flounder for 15 fares Saturday, mainly off Bug Light. There were constant doubleheaders. Bill Kutzler of Deer Park and Frank Krivit both of Atlantic Anglers had 82 keeper flounder between them. Bob Bjornesen and Son of Huntington Station had 65 flounder between them. This was all on mussels and worms.

SOUTHOLD

Ace at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** says that there are flounder all over the place—South Ferry, Smith Cove, Mashomok Point. These areas 4 men in one boat Saturday took 131 keepers up to 2 lbs. Other producing areas are Cedar Beach, the east side of Jessups, Conklin Point, the Oyster Factory and inside off the Long Beach lighthouse. Best catches have been made on the last of the ebb through the beginning of the flood on mussel and worm bait.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** says that one boat on Sunday came back with 66 good flounder in the 1 to 2½ lb. range. Mussels on the hook and mussel chum works best in that area. Dom DeRieri of



Susan Ruppel of Cambria Heights with 8 flounders up to 2-lbs. she caught at buoy 22 off Nassau Point on mussels and bloodworms. *Photo courtesy of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station, New Suffolk.*

Queens worked Nassau Point (buoy 22) and South Race.

NOYAC

Helen of **Noyac Marina** reports the flounder fishing is great in Noyac Bay and the creeks in the Noyac area. Massapequa angler E. Carpenter on Thursday had 25 good sized flounders up to 2 lbs. in the area just past the nets and past Jessups on mussel bait and mussel chum. On Sunday morning Mike Stromberg of Manhattan and Jeff Smith of Noyac kept 37 large flounder up to 2 lbs. at the same area. The fish seem to prefer clam and mussel over worms. Mr. Makamura and party fished off the Salty Dog Restaurant at Long Beach and took pails of flounders Sunday.

SAG HARBOR

Capt. Artie Latch of the **Wilhelric** tells of a slaughter on Sunday at Jessups. All customers had at least a bucket full of fish which translates to 20 to 25 keepers a man of flatties from 1 to 2 lbs. No midgets. Mussels were the best bait and fish hit on both tides. On Thursday's trip, Tom Johnson bagged 12 flounders in 1 hour. Saturday's fishing was poor due to the strong winds. Artie repeats that lots of fish are around with the biggest ones at Jessups.

Chris at **Bayview Fishing Station** tells of good flounder fishing off the Sag Harbor Bridge, fish in the 1 lb. class on clam and mussel. Chris figures they can be caught at the rate of roughly a dozen an hour. Another good spot is between buoy 14 and North Haven with flatties averaging 1 to 1½ lbs, running up to 2 lbs. Catches are being made on clam and worm with lots of mussel chum. Both running tides are producing. Chris says that he expects the spring weakfish run to contain many very big weaks as they are getting big tiderunners in the Carolinas and this area gets those same fish in early May.

EAST HAMPTON

Bill Cox of the **Three Mile Harbor Fishing Station** in East Hampton reported that flounder fishing inside the harbor has been excellent. On Sunday, Bob Scher and his son Mark returned with 129 flounder all from 1 to 2 lbs. taken in the main channel. They used mussels for bait and chum. Other boats did well also in this area.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Bait & Tackle reports good flounder catches at buoys 8 and 9 in Peconic Bay on sandworms, mussel and red dyed clam. Flounder are starting to show now in the Sound. Both tides are working and these are mixed fish with a 50-50 keeper ratio.

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ROCKY POINT

Stan at **Rocky Point Fish Stop** tell of good flounder activity outside the harbor in 10 to 18 feet of water southeast of buoy 11. Also Wading River, roughly 200 yards out of the creek in a deep hole there are some big flounder. Sandworms as hook bait and lots of mussel chum and anchor dragging seems to be doing the trick. Fish are almost all males.

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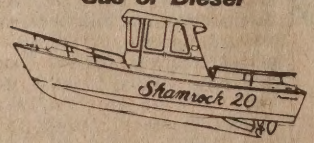

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PORT JEFFERSON

Caraftis Fishing Station tells of good catches of flounder in Conscience Bay in the Bell Terre side. Action should all be in the harbor for roughly one more week, then action will switch to the outside. Catches are being made on sandworms, mussel and clam with chumming a necessity. Both sides of the high are producing best. There are still lots of small fish being caught but the keepers are running up to 1½ lbs.

KINGS PARK

Bob at **O.K. Bait & Tackle** tells us that the flounders are now starting on the outside of the harbor at Callahans and the Mansion. Alfie Dwier, Tom Sheppard and Bob Hart had 24 flounder to 1½ lbs. on sandworms fishing inside the Nissequogue River on Sunday. Bob also tells us about 9 yr. old Michelle Koller who on Sunday caught flounder up to 1 lb. off the dock. So if she can do you can too. Any moving tide for the flounder but fishing from the beach, fish the high water.

HUNTINGTON

Capt. Don of the **Eveready** reports that despite Saturday's high winds and sloppy seas, the Maspeth anglers had 400 plus keeper flounder with the pool going to Rich Martin of Queens with a 2½ lb. flattie. High hook was 28 fish for Joe Zummo. Don says that there were fish at all drops and mostly big fish. Three kernals of corn on the hook shank plus clam on the hook got all the biggest fish. Mussel chum was a big help. Catches were made on both tides. The boat has a new sailing schedule this season, so check their ad for details.

Ronnie'e Bait and Tackle reports very good flounder fishing at Target Rock, Duck Harbor, Huntington Harbor and Lloyd's Harbor. Forty percent of the fish are keepers of 3/4 to 1 lb. Nick and John Bifulco and Gary Rich of Huntington had 50 keepers Saturday which they caught at the mouth of Huntington Inlet, fish from 1/2 to 1½ lbs. This was on sandworms, mussels and clam on both running rides. Some 5 lb. class stripers in the Lilco hot water on sand worms cast into the outflow. Crab Meadow is also producing some stripers on sand worms. Selden sharpy Dan Dymond had five of these fish with stripes.

NORTHPORT

Tom Bowman at *Bowman's Sporting Goods* tells of loads of flounders off the town dock with enough keepers to make it interesting. Boats fishing the Northport Harbor are also doing very well and catches are also being made off Duck Island and Little Neck Point. Either tide is producing but lots of chum is necessary. Small stripers being caught at the power plant on worms or small white bucktail. Tom says if you can combine a flooding tide with the hours of four to six in the afternoon you've got a winning combination.

GLEN COVE

Capt. Joe of the **Lady Lil II** reports excellent flounder fishing with high hooks this past week of 50 to 60 fish. Martin Leighton of East Norwich bagged 65 fish up to 1½ lbs. Donald Miller and Son, Jay boated 135 keeper flounder working off Bansom Beach.

John at **Glen Cove Sports Shop** described the local flounder action as very good. He said fish are mixed in size and the action has been improving daily. On Sunday Dave Watt and Mike Lotito fished along Prybil Beach and kept 20 nice flatties using worms for bait. Late last week, Mark Zek fished off of the Prybil Pier and returned with 25 lb. sized flounders taken on worms.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph at **Ralph's Fishing Station** tells of nice flounder being caught inside the harbor up to 1¾ lbs. with lots of 1 lb. fish. They're hitting on sandworms, clams and mussels with chumming a big assist. Outgoing tide is working best. Sunday saw one angler return with 46 keepers and another customer with 33.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

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FLOUNDER

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait & Tackle tells us they had 12 skiffs out Sunday and all returned with good flounder catches of 20 to 25 fish per boat in the ½ to 1 lb. range. Producing areas are Rodman's Neck, Eastchester Bay and Harts Island at the ferry slip. Sandworms have been working best and chumming is a big help. A 3 lb. striper was taken at Turtle Cove last week on a bloodworm.

Capt. Joe Ferrara of the **Ebb Tide II** tells us that the flounder fishing is best outside the harbors now with his fares averaging 15 to 40 keepers a man. Joe says the fish are bigger now. During the subway strike the boat will be sailing weekends only. Flounders are hitting on both tides on sandworms and its a steady pick all day. Joe mentioned that his fares are cooperating very well when it comes to returning the smaller fish to the water.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	3:05	3:40	3:55	4:30	3:30	4:20	4:40	5:20	6:10	6:55	6:25	7:00	3:10	3:45	4/10
FRI.	4:10	4:45	4:55	5:30	4:45	5:25	5:40	6:15	7:20	8:05	7:30	8:00	4:10	4:40	4/11
SAT.	5:10	5:40	5:55	6:20	5:45	6:15	6:40	7:05	8:30	9:05	8:30	8:55	5:05	5:30	4/12
SUN.	6:10	6:30	6:45	7:15	6:40	7:05	7:30	7:55	9:30	10:00	9:25	9:45	5:55	6:20	4/13
MON.	7:00	7:20	7:40	8:00	7:30	7:55	8:25	8:45	10:30	10:50	10:15	10:35	6:50	7:10	4/14
TUE.	7:45	8:05	8:30	8:50	8:20	8:45	9:15	9:35	11:20	11:40	11:05	11:25	7:40	8:00	4/15
WED.	8:35	8:55	9:20	9:40	9:15	9:35	10:05	10:25	–	12:15	–	12:00	8:30	8:50	4/16
THUR.	9:25	9:45	10:10	10:30	10:05	10:30	11:00	11:15	12:25	1:05	12:15	12:50	9:15	9:40	4/17

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	— 0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	— 0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	— 0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	— 0 12
Seaside Park	— 0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	— 0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	— 0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	— 0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	— 0 02
Rehoboth Beach	— 0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	— 0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	— 0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	— 0 38
Democrat Point	— 0 38
Coast Guard Station	— 0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	— 0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	— 0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	— 0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	— 0 08
Herod Point	— 0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	— 0 20
Truman Beach	— 0 42
Falkner Island	— 0 13
Sachem Head	— 0 10
Branford Harbor	— 0 07
New Haven Harbor	— 0 08
Milford Harbor	— 0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	— 0 03
Saugatuck River	— 0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	— 0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	— 0 14
Montauk Inlet	— 0 25
Montauk Point	— 1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	— 0 33
Noank, Mystic River	— 0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	— 0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	— 0 10
Execution Light	— 0 06
Manhasset Bay	— 0 01
Hempstead Harbor	— 0 11
City Island	— 0 03
Rye Beach	— 0 28
Port Chester	— 0 09
Mamaroneck	— 0 08
New Rochelle	— 0 24
Davids Island	— 0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	— 0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	— 0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	— 0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	— 0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	— 0 08
Point Judith Harbor	— 0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	— 0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

4/11	5:38	6:25
4/12	5:36	6:25
4/13	5:35	6:26
4/14	5:24	6:26
4/15	5:33	6:27
4/16	5:32	6:27
4/17	5:31	6:28

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NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
4/15	4/22	4/30	4/8

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	6:40	—	12:30	**7:05**
Fri.	7:30	**12:50**	1:20	**8:00**
Sat.	8:20	**1:40**	2:15	**8:50**
Sun.	9:15	**2:30**	3:05	**9:40**
Mon.	10:05	**3:25**	3:55	**10:30**
Tues.	10:55	**4:15**	4:45	**11:25**
Wed.	11:55	**5:05**	5:40	—
Thurs.	12:25	**6:05**	6:35	**1:00**

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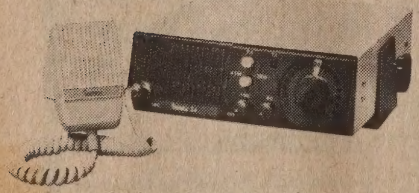

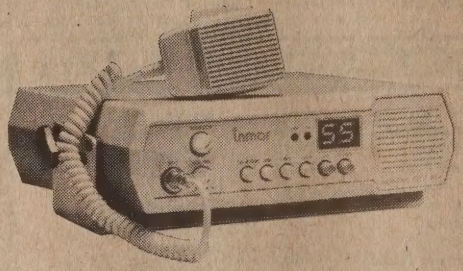

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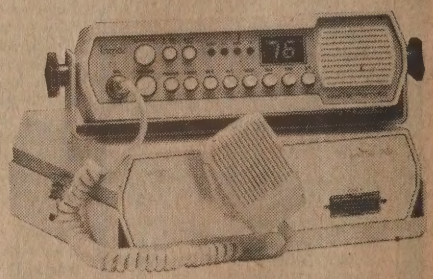

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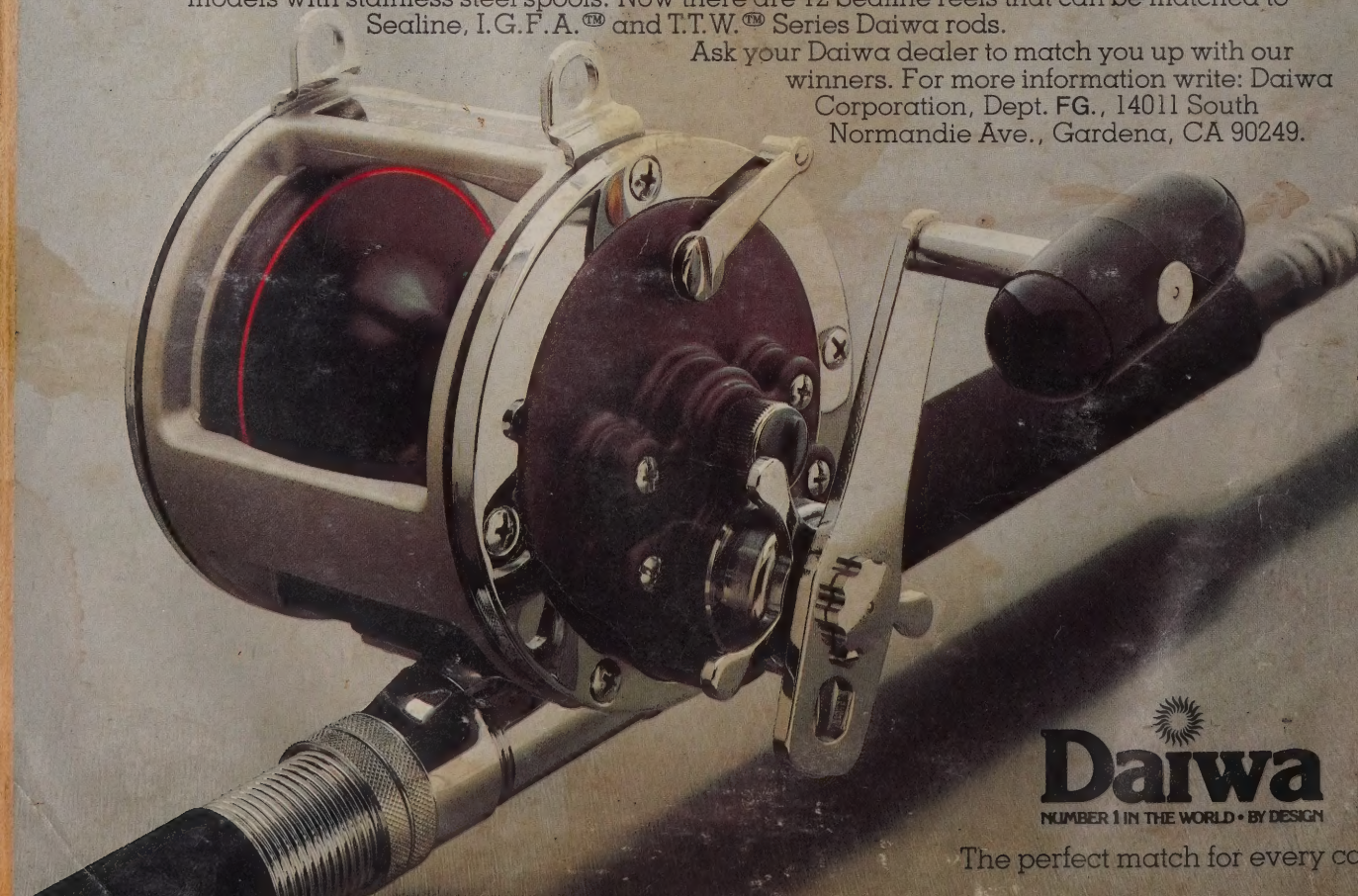

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